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HEADQUARTERS
ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

STATISTICAL REPORT OF REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED 25 JANUARY 1945

	<u>AGCT</u>
Group I	7
Group II	33
Group III	44
Group IV	41
Group V	9

	<u>AGE</u>
19 yrs.	4
20 yrs.	13
21 yrs.	12
22 yrs.	10
23 yrs.	11
24 yrs.	16
25 yrs.	26
26 yrs.	22
27 yrs.	7
28 yrs.	2
29 yrs.	5
30 yrs.	2
31 yrs.	2
35 yrs.	1
38 yrs.	1

	<u>QUALIFICATION IN ARMS</u>
Unqualified	9
M-1	109
O-3	7
Carbine	20
Pistol .45	3
HMG	12
LMG	4
BAR	2

	<u>NUMBER OF WEEKS TRAINING</u>
25 wks.	4
26 wks.	2
27 wks.	1
28 wks.	1
29 wks.	26
30 wks.	18
31 wks.	5
32 wks.	10
33 wks.	1
34 wks.	3
38 wks.	2
40 wks.	1
45 wks.	1
50 wks.	2
65 wks.	1
70 wks.	2
80 wks.	1
85 wks.	7
90 wks.	1
95 wks.	6
100 wks.	3
105 wks.	2
110 wks.	4
115 wks.	5
120 wks.	2
140 wks.	5
155 wks.	1
160 wks.	3
165 wks.	2
180 wks.	2
190 wks.	3
210 wks.	4
225 wks.	1
240 wks.	2

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	<u>AGCT</u>	
Group I	- - - -	4
Group II	- - - -	14
Group III	- - - -	29
Group IV	- - - -	22
Group V	- - - -	1

	<u>AGE</u>	
19 yrs.	- - - -	1
20 yrs.	- - - -	7
21 yrs.	- - - -	4
22 yrs.	- - - -	10
23 yrs.	- - - -	4
24 yrs.	- - - -	8
25 yrs.	- - - -	11
26 yrs.	- - - -	8
27 yrs.	- - - -	5
28 yrs.	- - - -	4
29 yrs.	- - - -	3
30 yrs.	- - - -	1
32 yrs.	- - - -	1
33 yrs.	- - - -	2
35 yrs.	- - - -	1

<u>QUALIFICATION IN ARMS</u>	
Unqualified	- - - - 1
M-1	- - - - 69
Carbine	- - - - 3
IMG	- - - - 4
BAR	- - - - 1
AT Gun, 57mm	- - - - 12

<u>NUMBER OF WEEKS TRAINING</u>	
26 wks.	- - - - 1
27 wks.	- - - - 1
28 wks.	- - - - -
29 wks.	- - - - 10
30 wks.	- - - - 31
31 wks.	- - - - 5
32 wks.	- - - - 6
33 wks.	- - - - 5
40 wks.	- - - - 2
56 wks.	- - - - 2
70 wks.	- - - - 1
75 wks.	- - - - 1
110 wks.	- - - - 1
130 wks.	- - - - 1
200 wks.	- - - - 1
210 wks.	- - - - 1
348 wks.	- - - - 1

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<u>AGCT</u>		<u>NUMBER OF WEEKS TRAINING</u>	
Group I	1	38 wks.	2
Group II	14	40 wks.	1
Group III	12	41 wks.	1
Group IV	13	45 wks.	1
Group V	2	50 wks.	2
Unknown	1	55 wks.	2
		60 wks.	2
		70 wks.	2
		75 wks.	1
		80 wks.	2
		90 wks.	4
		110 wks.	1
		115 wks.	3
		130 wks.	1
		135 wks.	1
		140 wks.	3
		150 wks.	3
		155 wks.	1
		160 wks.	1
		180 wks.	1
		190 wks.	1
		200 wks.	2
		210 wks.	1
		225 wks.	2
		240 wks.	1
		280 wks.	1

<u>AGE</u>	
19 yrs.	1
20 yrs.	1
21 yrs.	3
22 yrs.	4
23 yrs.	3
24 yrs.	5
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29 yrs.	1
30 yrs.	1
31 yrs.	3
32 yrs.	1
34 yrs.	3
35 yrs.	2
36 yrs.	1
37 yrs.	1
41 yrs.	1

<u>QUALIFICATION IN ARMS</u>	
Unqualified	1
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AWARDS AND DECORATION REPORT

AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, by the Army Commander to the following named individuals. Authority of Award: Section I, General Orders Number 17, Headquarters Seventh Army, dated 24 January 1945.

VERNON N. BLAND, O1 321 737, First Lieutenant, Infantry, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action from 26 to 29 September 1944, near Tendon, France. During this period, the 1st Battalion was engaged in bitter fighting for possession of a strategically important hill. On two occasions Lieutenant Bland was assigned the mission of destroying hostile machine gun positions which delayed the advance of the battalion. Both times he led his men in assaulting the positions, eliminating the enemy guns with a large volume of accurate fire. While Company "B" was advancing through a densely wooded area, heavy artillery and mortar shelling inflicted heavy casualties on the unit, wounding the platoon leader of the 1st platoon. Aware that the loss of a leader might result in disorganization and panic, Lieutenant Bland left his own platoon under the command of his sergeant and, fearlessly exposing himself to the hostile fire, moved to the 1st platoon. He swiftly reorganized the platoon and led it to an advantageous position, inspiring the men by his courage and intrepidity. Later the same day, while checking his own platoon's position, he was killed by an enemy sniper. His extraordinary heroism exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mr. Allen T. Bland, (Father), 834 East 9th Street, Tucson, Arizona.

FRANK E. PHILLIPS, O1 300 212, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company "K", 142d Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 21 September 1944, in the vicinity of Remiremont, France. Prior to an attack on the enemy stronghold of Remiremont, Lieutenant Phillips and his platoon were sent out to probe the hostile defenses. Spotting a large hostile force, he led his platoon in a brilliant flanking maneuver and completely surprised the enemy. During the short skirmish which ensued, he and his men killed twenty

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enemy soldiers, captured sixteen and overran two mortar positions. Upon returning to his company, Lieutenant Phillips was assigned the mission of securing a ridge overlooking Remiremont. He led his platoon in the assault and directed them in capturing an anti-tank gun, its crew, and three snipers. Then, while trying to contact the remainder of the company, his platoon was subjected to heavy fire from several enemy machine guns. Shouting encouragement to his men, he charged the machine gun nest, killed two of the enemy with accurate rifle fire, and directed his platoon in capturing six more. While Lieutenant Phillips was reorganizing the platoon, he was fatally wounded by enemy rifle fire. His extraordinary heroism exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. Delia Phillips, (Mother), 3 Woodland Court, Lawrence, Massachusetts.

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-SERVICE CROSS.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Distinguished-Service Cross is awarded by the Army Commander to the following named individual. Authority of Award: Section II, General Orders Number 10, dated 16 January 1945.

EVERETT S. SIMPSON, O 405 521, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), Infantry, 142d Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on 28 September 1944, near Remiremont, France. During an attack on Hill "630", the leading elements of the 3d Battalion were subjected to intense enemy fire from both flanks. Lieutenant Colonel Simpson who was with the leading assault platoon, immediately ordered the establishment of a command post and aid station, then pressed forward with his companies. In the face of the hostile fire, he then set up a defensive position and moved from company to company to point out their positions and sectors of fire. While he was advancing across the fire swept area, he was seriously wounded by an exploding mortar shell. Despite his severe wound he refused to be evacuated by litter so that the other wounded men could be removed more promptly. While two aid men were assisting him to the battalion aid station, Lieutenant Colonel Simpson shouted orders to the soldiers he passed, encouraging them to push forward. Even at the aid station his first thoughts were for his men, and, while his painful wound was being dressed, he issued instructions concerning plans for a forthcoming attack. His extraordinary heroism exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the military service from Amarillo, Texas.

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Authority of Award: Section II, General Orders Number 16, Headquarters Seventh Army, dated 23 January 1945.

JAMES L. MINOR, O 406 993, Lieutenant Colonel, (then Major), Infantry, 142d Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism in action on 24 September 1944, in the vicinity of Tendon, France. Assigned the mission of severing a strategically important highway, Colonel Minor had almost attained his objective when he was informed that a strong enemy force had attacked across the road behind him, cutting the unit's supply and communication lines. In the face of heavy machine gun fire, Colonel Minor immediately called for an 81 millimeter mortar and personally observed and directed the fire of the mortar from an exposed position, successfully neutralizing the enemy machine gun emplacements. Although under heavy automatic and rifle fire from prepared positions to his front, and with the hostile forces delivering fire from the rear, Colonel Minor, executing a brilliant maneuver, withdrew his battalion under a hail of hand grenades and attacked the rear force, regaining contact with the remainder of the regiment. Entered the military service from Tahoka, Texas.

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED SERVICE FROM</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>
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(Awarded on GO # 7, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 10 January 1945).

Pfc.	ELGIN J. WEAVER	36567694	Atlanta, Michigan	9 Nov 1944
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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action.

(Awarded on GO # 14, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 26 January 1945).

Pfc.	DONALD J. MC CONKEY	33674459	Dunbar, Pennsylvania	31 Aug 1944
Pvt.	BERTRAND D. VINCENT	37539552	Jasper, Missouri	19 Sept 1944

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AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER (SILVER STAR).

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

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(Awarded on GO # 7, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 10 January 1945).				
S/Sgt.	JOHN YBARBO	38026352	Victoria, Texas	29 Oct 1944

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

(Awarded on GO # 7, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 10 January 1945).

1st Lt.	KENNETH O. PITNER	01703059	Snyder, Texas	29 Sept 1944
Pvt.	LLOYD G. YOUNG	39343109	Portland, Oregon	2 Dec 1944
(Awarded on GO # 14, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 26 January 1945).				
S/Sgt.	ROY T. TAYLOR	35277401	Rarden, Ohio	9-10 Nov 1944
S/Sgt.	JOE A. SHUFORD	33454884	Shelby, North Carolina	26 Nov 1944
Sgt.	RAY W. BENNETT	35430991	Huntington, W. Va.	18 Aug 1944

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER (BRONZE STAR MEDAL)

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for heroic achievement in combat.

(Awarded on GO # 3, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 2 January 1945).

S/Sgt.	HAROLD O. BARNETT	35482924	Newburgh, Indiana	16 Aug 1944
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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for heroic achievement in combat:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>ENTERED SERVICE FROM</u>	<u>DATE OF DEED</u>
(Awarded on GO # 10, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 18 January 1945).				
Pvt.	ALBERT E. POWELL	33707894	Finleyville, Penna.	16 Aug 1944

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual, missing in action, for heroic achievement in combat:

(Awarded on GO # 2, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 2 January 1945).

S/Sgt.	ELMER J. BEACHAM	34593738	Salisbury, North Carolina	29 Nov 1944
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AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER (BRONZE STAR MEDAL)

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

(Awarded on GO # 2, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 2 January 1945).

S/Sgt.	ALVIN J. DOMINICI	36227727	Iron River, Mich.	1 Oct 1944
S/Sgt.	WILLIAM B. MIDDLETON	34354502	Colquitt, Georgia	24 Nov 1944

(Awarded on GO # 5, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 4 January 1945).

Tec. 3	LAWRENCE T. DOUGLAS	33233480	Peach Bottom, Penna.	12 Nov 1944
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(Awarded on GO # 8, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 16 January 1945).

T/Sgt.	LLOYD R. NICHOLS	20848749	Hawley, Texas	12 Dec 1944
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(Awarded on GO # 10, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 18 January 1945).

Sgt.	SHERMAN S. SMITH	35219549	Dayton, Ohio	3 Dec 1944
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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations:

(Awarded on GO # 8, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 16 January 1945).

Col.	GEORGE E. LYNCH	017715	Entered U.S. Military Academy fr U.S. at large	20 Nov to 20 Dec 1944
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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

(Awarded on GO # 2, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 2 January 1945).

Maj.	ROSS YOUNG	0348457	San Antonio, Texas	25 Nov 1944
S/Sgt.	EARL H. GOLFORD	6888093	Dummore, W. Va.	28 Nov 1944
Sgt.	EDWARD C. RIPPEON	33204779	Clarksburg, Maryland	31 Aug 1944
Sgt.	THOMAS FARRANTO	32825832	Brooklyn, New York	25 Nov 1944

(Awarded on GO # 5, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 4 January 1945).

1st Lt.	SIDNEY I. LOWENTHAL	02048058	Newark, New Jersey	12 Nov 1944
T/Sgt.	HAROLD H. HAMILTON	20804590	Coleman, Texas	26 Nov 1944
T/4	VERLIN R. CHILDRESS	20806799	Electra, Texas	12 Nov 1944
Tec. 4	W. E. BONHAM	38037151	McKinney, Texas	12 Nov 1944
Pfc.	ABRAHAM AMCHIN	12096919	Brooklyn, New York	30 Nov 1944

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(Awarded on GO # 5, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 4 January 1945).

Pfc.	JAMES RABUZZI	33268149	Bentleyville, Penna.	12 Nov 1944
Pvt.	SILAS H. HODGSON	37585272	Minneapolis, Minn.	25 Nov 1944

(Awarded on GO # 6, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 10 January 1945).

Pfc.	JOSEPH WYSINSKI	31415297	Northampton, Mass.	26 Nov 1944
Pfc.	SHELDON KAUFFMAN	33136364	Fort Meade, Md.	15 Oct 1944
Pvt.	GLENN H. HALL	34898317	Wilkes County, N. C.	7 Dec 1944

(Awarded on GO # 8, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 16 January 1945).

T/Sgt.	JAMES R. HUBBARD	20804575	Coleman, Texas	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
T/Sgt.	PERSHING E. FREEMAN	33503886	Waynesboro, Penna.	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
S/Sgt.	JESSE J. DOERING	37485118	Dallas, S. Dakota	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Sgt.	STEVE A. WHISHDOSH	33430353	Norvelt, Penna.	27 Sept 1944
Pfc.	HAROLD L. MILLER	35766032	Elkhart, Indiana	27 Sept 1944
Pfc.	MERVIN J. TUOM	39336018	Clatskanie, Oregon	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	JOE F. KOISHOR	36479305	Granite City, Ill.	29 Sept to 1 Oct 1944
Pfc.	WILLIAM A. VORSTER	38599059	Subiaco, Arkansas	4 Dec 1944
Pfc.	FRANK M. GLINSKY	33780010	Philadelphia, Penna.	1 Dec 1944
Pfc.	JOE H. JACKSON	34132789	Summit, Mississippi	12 Dec 1944
Pfc.	JOSE P. GARZA	38026388	Kenedy, Texas	12 Dec 1944
Pfc.	LEWIS M. MARKS	33618580	Birdsboro, Penna.	12 Dec 1944
Pvt.	RALPH K. STEWART	36690865	Auburn, Illinois	4 Dec 1944

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(Awarded on GO # 9, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 17 January 1945).				
1st Lt.	ALBAN E. REID, JR.	01308752	New Haven, Conn.	11 Sept 1944
Pfc.	DENNIS C. KAMPMANN	36258699	Sheboygan, Wisconsin	28 Nov 1944
Pvt.	STANLEY F. KUYZJO	31285045	Greenfield, Mass.	9 December 1944
Pvt.	WILBUR R. BEASLEY	36186782	Lansing, Michigan	9 Dec 1944
Pvt.	ANTONIO L. CUPERO	31285209	Springfield, Mass.	9 Dec 1944

(Awarded on GO # 10, Hq, 36th Inf Div, dated 18 January 1945).				
S/Sgt.	ROBERT J. HEVENER, JR.	33233295	Lititz, Penna.	26 Sept 1944
Sgt.	JOHN B. MORRISON	34132832	Brandon, Mississippi	30 Nov 1944
Tec. 4	JACK W. HALL	20804019	Amarillo, Texas	24 Sept 1944
Cpl.	CLYDE O. JOHNSON	36055340	Alton, Ill.	12 Dec 1944
Pfc.	ALBERT C. MAASS	37556318	Nassau, Minnesota	12 Dec 1944
Pfc.	LUDWIG R. KOHRAD	32789883	Brooklyn, New York	27 Sept 1944
Pfc.	VERNON L. ANDREWS	39863772	Glendale, Arizona	13 Dec 1944
Pfc.	GEORGE F. PHILPOTT	39561638	Los Angeles, Calif.	16 Aug 1944
Cpl.	LESTER L. BURKS	38390039	Shreveport, La.	7-10 Nov 1944

AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER (BRONZE STAR MEDAL)

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(Awarded on GO # 3, Hq 36th Inf Div, dated 2 January 1945).				
Pfc.	MARINO GIANNINI	35659675	Montgomery, W. Va.	31 Aug 1944

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Pfc.	EDWARD V. BONCEK	31346034	Greenfield, Mass.	31 Aug 1944
Pfc.	LUCIEN A. MONTMINY	31268868	Berlin, New Hampshire	31 Aug 1944
Pfc.	SOLOMON LEVINSON	12123821	Brooklyn, New York	31 Aug 1944
Pfc.	CHARLES F. BOWERS	37672443	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	31 Aug 1944
Pvt.	RAYMOND KREB	32910849	Maywood, New Jersey	31 Aug 1944

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Roster of Unit Commanders of 142nd Infantry Regiment for period from 1 January 1945 to 31 January 1945, inclusive.

REGIMENTAL COMMANDER

Colonel GEORGE E. LYNCH, O-17715. Entered the Military Academy from the United States at Large.

COMMANDING OFFICER, 1ST BATTALION

Lt. Col. JAMES L. MINOR, O-406993. Entered the Service from Tahoka, Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, 2ND BATTALION

Lt. Col. MARVIN J. COYLE, O-18602. Entered the Military Academy from the United States at Large.

COMMANDING OFFICER, 3RD BATTALION

Lt. Col. A. WARD GILLETTE, O-18883. Entered the Military Academy from the United States at Large. Trfd to Regtl Hqs as Regtl Exec O on 12 Jan 45.

Lt. Col. EVERETT S. SIMPSON, O-405521. Entered the service from Amarillo, Texas. Assumed command on 12 Jan 45.

COMMANDING OFFICER, MEDICAL DETACHMENT

Major SAMUEL W. ROSENBERG, O-350478. Entered the service from Chicago, Illinois.

COMMANDING OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Captain ERWIN SANIGA, O-1311688. Entered the service from Ellsworth, Pa.

COMMANDING OFFICER, CANNON COMPANY

Captain HOWARD I. FORE, O-1289062. Entered the service from Monroeville, Alabama.

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COMMANDING OFFICER, SERVICE COMPANY

Captain WILLIAM L. GOTCHER, O-403593. Entered the service from Voss, Texas. Duty to Hosp, NBC, 24 Jan 45.

1st Lt. MURRAY P. CANADY, O-410448. Entered the service from Ballinger, Texas. Assumed command on 24 Jan 45.

COMMANDING OFFICER, ANTI-TANK COMPANY

Captain VERNON M. SCOTT, O-407156. Entered the service from Brownwood, Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS CO 1ST BATTALION

Captain VERNON Y. CORNELIUS, O-407743. Entered the service from Brownwood, Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY A

1st Lt. RAYMOND J. SCHLODER, O-1314234. Entered the service from St. Mary's, Pennsylvania.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY B

Captain DEWEY W. MANN, O-1290782. Entered the service from Cunard, W. Va.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY C

Captain ORVAL O. SAUNDERS, O-1285314. Entered the service from Libby, Montana.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY D

1st Lt. ALBERT R. BURR, O-1293715. Entered the service from Riverside, California.

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COMMANDING OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS CO 2ND BATTALION

1st Lt. OTTO H. FICK, O-347944. Entered the service from Miller, South Dakota.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY E

1st Lt. WELDEN M. GREEN, O-1299734. Entered the service from Thatcher, Arizona.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY F

Captain GLENN A. GOFF, O-1284130. Entered the service from De Sota, Missouri.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY G

Captain CARL P. MATNEY, O-407621. Entered the service from Vernon, Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY H

1st Lt. EUGENE G. HETMANSKI, O-1309554. Entered the service from Hamtramck, Michigan.

COMMANDING OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS CO 3RD BATTALION

Captain ALBERT F. FISHER, O-425629. Entered the service from Electra, Texas.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY I

Captain HOLLIS M. HUGHES, O-398175. Entered the service from Stamford, Texas. Sk, Hosp, NBC, 15 Jan 45.

1st Lt. ALBAN E. REID, JR., O-1308752. Entered the service from New Haven, Conn. Assumed command on 15 Jan 45.

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Roster of Unit Commanders of 142nd Infantry Regiment for period
from 1 January 1945 to 31 January 1945, inclusive, continued.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY K

Captain ALBERT G. KUDZIA, O-1306287. Entered the service from Kalamazoo,
Michigan.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY L

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Place: TROIS FONTAINE

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TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OF MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0830	1			Col Lynch left for Rest Camp.	
	0845	2			Lt Col Graham and S-2 left to make reconnaissance of possible attack routes south of	reconnaissance SARREGUEMINES.
	0900	3			Capt Hunley arranged with Div Arty for impact area on 4 Jan for Cn Co. Area to be lake ETANG de GONDREXANGE. Two possible gun positions vicinity 422115 and 475175.	
	0905	4			Capt Hunley gave Capt Fore above information.	
0950		5			G-3, Div, phoned and stated a Bn of 142 RCT to be on 24 hour alert beginning immediately.	
	1000	6			Lt Col Minor, CO 1st Bn, notified that his Bn was to go on 24 hour alert immediately. Bn will come in from range and proceed in close-in training. Trucks will report to you later.	
	1015	7			S-4 notified to send trucks to 1st Bn as that Bn is on 24 hour alert.	
	1345	8			Capt Hunley left for training area and ranges.	
1500		9			Lt Col Graham returned to CP.	
1505		10			Div G-3 phoned and states 141 Inf received orders to move 45 minutes ago to vicinity 6236. 143 Inf has finished reconnaissance in vicinity 9439. 142 Inf states status still same.	
1510		11			S-2 returned to CP.	
	1530	12			Lt Col Graham left for Div G-3 CP.	
1630		13			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
1730		14			Lt Col Graham returned to CP.	

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IN	OUT					
1730		15			Msg from CG 36 Div: Higher headquarters have directed that gas masks and accessories be kept within immediate reach of all personnel forward of the Corps Rear Boundary. All units must have sufficient masks on hand prior to leaving present area. Actual issue to individuals will be held up pending further instructions. Time 1220A.	
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TO : 022400A Jan 1945
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: TROIS FONTAINE
Date: 2 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0815		1			Div G-3 phoned. Div TD School will be held at 1330A and 1500A in addition to class during the morning.	
	0850	2			S-3 2nd Bn notified of above. Officer will report to Regt CP at 0815A, 1245A, and 1415A.	
	0855	3			S-3 1st Bn notified of Div School and times for officers to report to this CP and specified times given 2nd Bn.	
	0900	4			S-3 3rd Bn notified of Div School and times set for officers to assemble at this Hq.	
0920		5			Maj Newell, Div G-3 section, states Div Arty is holding a demonstration for new fuses at 031400A vicinity 402134. No required attendance, but notify Div G-3 office of number attending, if any, by this afternoon.	
1030		6			Col Albright, C/S, 36 Div, came to CP.	
	1040	7			Lt Col Graham and Col Albright left for 1st Bn.	
1055		8			Ammo officer called. Has issue of two AT grenades per gun.	
	1100	9			Capt Hunley left CP.	
1150		10			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
	1415	11			S-2 left for 1st Bn.	
1500		12			Div states if another RCT moves it will be 142 RCT. Will get 133 FA if 132 FA cannot reach us in time. Truck allotment will be same and route of march same as stated on Div OI, 301300A Dec 1944.	
	1505	13			Capt Hunley left for training areas. Returned to CP at 1555.	

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TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCLOSURES, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1600	14			Lt Col Graham left for Div CP.	
1600		15			S-2 returned to CP.	
1700		16			Lt Col Graham returned to CP.	
1715		17			Col Lynch returned from rest camp.	
	1900	18			Units notified of Arty demonstration of new type fuses.	
2210		19			G-2 phoned stating 6 PWs taken by another unit were from 6 SS Mountain Div. PWs from Signal Bn and Cos in position G-8950. They stated that they knew of no other infantry in that vicinity. Div just moved from NORWAY a few days ago. One PW taken by XV Corps states he is from 21 Pz Rcn Bn whose advance elements were in vicinity 8060 and proceeding to BITCHE.	
	2220	20			Div notified that 10 officers and 6 NCOs of Cn Co would attend Div Arty demonstration tomorrow.	
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TO : 032400A Jan 1945

Place: TROIS FONTAINE

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Date: 3 Jan 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OF MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0900	1			Capt Hunley left to find a class area for attack of pill boxes.	
	0920	2			2nd Bn, 3rd Bn, AT Co notified to meet at 1st Bn CP at 1430A with transportation.	
1200		3			Maj Newell, Div, called. RCT alerted to be ready to move vicinity MONTBRONN area (675434). 133 FA attached to 142 RCT. (Move to be in accordance with 142 RCT Warning Order).	
1220		4			133 FA called asking about move. Capt Hunley advised them they are attached to us if we move out first.	
	1221	5			Capt Hunley called 2nd Bn alerting them of move. Quartering party to be at this CP at 1330A. Troops with all equipment and rations to be prepared to move on call.	
1223		6			S-4 called. We will have 50 trucks. 45 trucks will be here between 1330A and 1400A. Trucks from Army. Other 5 trucks from QM.	
	1225	7			3rd Bn notified of alert to move. Same instructions as given 2nd Bn.	
	1230	8			ATCo notified of alert. All training to be close in. Given same instructions as given Bns.	
	1232	9			CO Cn notified of alert. Given same instructions as given Bns.	
	1234	10			CO Co A 636 TD Bn notified of alert. Given same instructions as other units.	
	1236	11			Co B 111 Med Bn notified of alert and given same instructions as other units.	
	1255	12			CO Co B 111 Engrs notified of alert. Same instr.	

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1300	13			TO notified to break down trucks as follows: 16 1st Bn, 15 2nd Bn, 16 3rd Bn, 3 Hq Co.	
1302		14			Capt Graham, CO Co A 636 TD Bn, called. He is taking Capt Groom's place as he is sick.	
1305		15			Div G-3 called. Wants units notified to use air identification panels on the move. Units notified.	
1315		16			CO Serv Co called. Would like to keep quartermaster party at Serv Co until time to go. Capt Hunley approved.	
1320		17			G-3 wants Regtl Ln 0 at Div immediately.	
	1330	18			Capt Hunley called 133 FA. 133 FA Bn states they are planning to move with 143 Inf and not 142 Inf.	
	1335	19			Capt Hunley checked with Div G-3. 133 FA will move with 143 Inf. 132 FA will be moving to SAVERNE and will join 142 Inf in new area.	
	1345	20			CO Co B 111 Engrs notified to send a quartermaster party to CP now.	
	1355	21			Col Lynch ordered Capt Saniga and Lt Peters to leave immediately for purpose of reconnoitering area and picking CP, then to return.	
1400		22			Message from CG 36 Div: All available Cerise vehicle panels will be used. Signed 031315A.	
	1415	23			I & R Plat Sgt notified to have one jeep load of men ready to move out on ten minute's notice to go with Col Lynch if he should leave early.	
1500		24			G-3 phoned. 142 RCT will move at 1700A. Route B will be route of march. Assembly area S of RJ 675434. 143 Inf N of 675434. Idea of passing through 141 RCT tomorrow morning. Officer should check for quartermaster RCT tonight and check with 141 RCT also.	

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TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1515		25			Col Lynch held meeting of Bn COs and separate Co COs and Regt'l Staff. Purpose of issuing instructions for RCT movement at 1700A.	
1530		26			Chief of Staff phoned and requested a responsible officer remain at Div Hq to receive Gen's orders and deliver them to 142 RCT CO. If orders are issued will be in form of overlay and all details will be carefully explained to the officer.	
	1540	27			CO ordered S-2 to leave immediately for 141 CP at MONTBRONN. Get all information available and return on route of march until contact CO, then will return to assembly area. Capt Saniga to remain at CP location S of road junction vicinity 675434. Lt Peters to remain at 141 CP to receive any further instructions.	
	1550	28			Advance quartering party with Capt Fisher, S-1 3rd Bn in command, left for RCT assembly area vicinity MONTBRONN.	
	1735	29			Col Lynch left for new assembly area.	
	1900	30			Regt'l CP moving from TROIS FONTAINES to MONTBRONN.	
2130		31			CO arrived at MONTBRONN. CP established.	
2145		32			1st Bn reported closed in as of 2110A.	
2245		33			3rd Bn reported closed in as of 2235A.	
2245		34			Cn Co reported closed in.	
2305		35			AT Co reported closed in.	
2320		36			2nd Bn reported closed in. Lost one AT gun, a jeep, and a 3/4 ton trailer by accidents.	
2320		37			Co A 636 TD Bn reported closed in.	

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IN	OUT					
2345		38			CO Serv Co reported 4th Serial of march order had arrived.	
	2350	39			CO 142 Inf gave instructions to CO Co A 636 TD Bn: 1st Bn moving to ST LOUIS in morning as reserve to back up line to the east. Plat of TDs attached to 1st Bn to go to ST LOUIS, leaving here at 0900A.	
2400		40			Capt Hunley arrived at CP.	
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Date: 4 Jan 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME OF DATE	TYPE OF MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0125	1			Col Lynch gave CO 1st Bn instructions to move to ST LOUIS at 0800A. Route to be trail through valley on trail that later becomes a road. A platoon of TDs will leave here at 0900 to join you. Organic transportation to move on main road E from MONTBRONN. Transportation taken will be only necessary combat needs with double loads if possible. Vehicles to maintain 300 yard interval. Mission of Bn is reserve for 141 Inf force E of ST LOUIS. Establish CP in town and billet troops in buildings. If breakfast does not arrive early enough to be consumed, then consume hard ration and breakfast will be sent on to ST LOUIS.	
	1030	2			CO gave I & R Plat leader instructions to make reconnaissance of routes to ENCHENBERG -- LEMBERG and MEISENTHAL. Route to be checked if possible for TDs and if area is crowded for housing space.	
	1115	3			Regtl CP moved to vicinity 686422.	
1330		4			Lt Shapiro, I & R Plat Ldr, gave report of reconnaissance. Found few troops in ENCHENBERG, MEISENTHAL, SOUCHT. Roads to these towns not under fire. Two of three american M-4 tanks, previously captured by Germans and being used by them, knocked out by our Arty SE of ST LOUIS today.	
	1345	5			CO 142 warned 1st Bn of above and ordered 1st Bn to put out a roadblock S of ST LOUIS.	
	1455	6			Col Lynch ordered 2nd Bn to move by foot immediately to assembly area in ENCHENBERG. 3rd Bn to move by foot immediately to assemble in SOUCHT. Both Bns to make use of houses, but be responsible for own security. Organic transportation to follow.	
1500		7			Lt Col Green came to CP.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP Coord 686422
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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1515		8			Div reports 141 Inf making slow progress in attack. Co G on S making main effort. Heavy resistance making communications difficult.	
	1545	9			Lt Col Green left CP.	
	1550	10			Capt Hunley left for Co A 636 TD Bn and Co B 111 Engr Bn.	
1635		11			Div phoned and units in Arty range will continue the feeding of hot chow in small groups, not a long mess line.	
1730		12			Capt Hunley arrived back to CP.	
1730		13			CO 1st Bn came to CP.	
1805		14			Capt Marcum reports that the 1st Bn patrol that was sent out after some Germans made no contact.	
1850		15			CO 3rd Bn reports Bn closed in new area vic 705400 at 1715A. TDs have reported. Col Lynch instructed him to maintain strong contact with Co C 179 Inf, and Trp C 117 Cav. Bn now has phone communications with above units.	
1940		16			CO 2nd Bn reports Bn closed in new assembly area at 1745A. Have contacted 1st Bn 141 Inf. CO 2nd Bn instructed to keep close liaison with Bn of 141 Inf RCT.	
	1945	17			G-3, Div, notified of times Bns closed in new assembly areas. G-3 reports at 1730A Co B 141 Inf lost 100 yards, however they have now tied in with Co F at 744438 SW NE line, Co E 74B439, Co G 744429.	
	2010	18			G-2 given situation.	

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TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0715		1			S-3 2nd Bn states all quiet in their sector of town, but a few shells fell in other end of town. Supply situation fine.	
0720		2			S-3 3rd Bn states all quiet, no artillery. Outposts made no contact and patrol every hour to MEISENTHAL. Made no contact with enemy. 36 Rcn troop contacted Bn CP at 0630A enroute to ST LOUIS.	
0730		3			S-1 1st Bn reports all quiet. 36 Rcn contacted Bn CP regularly during night and they report all quiet between ST LOUIS and MEISENTHAL.	
0735		4			141 RCT reports very quiet night except a round or two of Arty intermittently during night. Small Arms fire at 0630A vicinity Co L now quieted down.	
	0755	5			G-3 given situation. State all quiet in XV Corps sector except some harassing artillery fire.	
	0820	6			Col Lynch talked to CO 3rd Bn. CO warned to patrol high ground S of MEISENTHAL and railroad tunnel south of town. If enemy forms an attack will possibly come from above locations. Prepare artillery fires for entrance to tunnel and that vicinity.	
0835		7			S-3 2nd Bn reports a shell hit artillery ammo truck last night and burned house occupied by a platoon of 2nd Bn. Platoon lost 1/2 of equipment. S-4 now in process of replacing it. All salvagable equipment will be salvaged.	
	0840	8			Col Lynch talked to S-4 - to have Capt Beasley, SSO, with a group of men, pick up wire that this RCT laid in TROIS FONTAINE.	
0900		9			Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch. Ordered a recon made to 141 Inf this afternoon in preparation for a relief tonight.	(Cont'd)

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IN	OUT					
		9	(Cont'd)		141 Inf will move back to ST LOUIS, MEISENTHAL, SOUCHT. 142 RCT to take over 141 Inf or 143 Inf CP. One Co oftanks has gone to assist 399 RCT.	
	0915	10			Regt S-2 left for SOUCHT to contact 3rd Bn.	
	0945	11			CO 142 Inf ordered CO Cn Co to place all guns in position.	
	1015	12			CO 142 Inf called CO 141 Inf. Discussed situation. CO 141 Inf gave their situation.	
1035		13			Gen Dahlquist called Col Lynch and told him to meet the Gen at 141 Inf CP immediately.	
	1040	14			Col Lynch left for 141 Inf CP.	
	1045	15			Capt Hunley called Lt Reed, 1st Bn; Bn to make route reconnaissance to LEMBERG for possible troop movement there. Bn CO not to make recon.	
	1050	16			Capt Hunley, S-3, called CO 2nd Bn; Bn to make route reconnaissance to Co A (727465) and Co B (726456) 141 Inf positions for possible troop movement there. Bn CO not to make recon.	
	1055	17			Capt Hunley, S-3, called Capt Knox, 3rd Bn, to have Bn make route reconnaissance to ST LOUIS for possible troop movement there and relief of 2nd Bn 141 Inf. Bn CO not to make recon.	
1115		18			Maj Young, Div, called. Said tanks would be available if we could use them. This provided we relieve 141 Inf elements.	
1150		19			Capt Sullivan, S-2, returned to CP.	
1215		20			Col Lynch called. Reports that there will be no tanks - one Co in Regt reserve. Div is going to give us another platoon of TDs.	

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1310		21			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1315		22			Maj Young, Div, called. Co B 753 Tk Bn attached and located in ST LOUIS. Not to be committed in defense. CO A 636 TD Bn and Co B 636 TD Bn to be attached. Engrs to be in support.	
	1320	23			143 Inf notified that CG 36 Div is giving our present CP to 141 Inf because of wire set-up.	
1320		24			Lt Col Green, CO 132 FA Bn, came to CP.	
	1325	25			Instructions of CO 142 Inf to CO 1st Bn: 1st Bn to relieve 3rd Bn 141 Inf tonight. Use route from ST LOUIS to north to RJ 366, then across railroad tracks to LEMBERG. Start movement of Bn this afternoon, as soon as possible. Relief to be after dark. Regt AT Co to go in on 1st Bn right under control of 1st Bn. One Co to be put on left of road, one on right of road running NE from LEMBERG. One Co in reserve in LEMBERG. Put in defensive wire, trip flares, etc, as soon as possible. 131 FA to do artillery firing. 2nd Bn will put out an outpost vicinity 733465. Left Co of 1st Bn to maintain contact with that outpost. 1st Bn boundary on right to include LEMBERG-MOUTERHOUSE road. Put in physical blocks on both roads leading into sector, also railroad. Erect shelters for warming if houses are not available on positions. 2nd Bn in reserve to have two outposts and maintain contact with 398 Inf on left.	
	1440	26			CO AT Co notified that AT Co is attached to 1st Bn for relief tonight. To contact 1st Bn at ST LOUIS.	
	1450	27			CO 3rd Bn notified to have 3rd Bn prepared to move. Col Lynch will be over soon to give details.	
1452		28			Lt Col Wilbur, CO 636 TD Bn, came to CP.	

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1452	1452	29			S-4 given situation and plan for tonight.	
1455		30			Plat of Co C 636 TD Bn attached to 2nd Bn at ENCHENBERG.	
1455		31			Capt Sullivan, S-2, gave report of his visit to 45th Div sector near WINGEN to G-2.	
	1510	32			Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn.	
	1515	33			CO 2nd Bn notified that 2nd Bn will be Regtl res. One platoon Co C 636 TD Bn attached. Maintains outpost and OP at 734466. With one platoon of one rifle Co will relieve Co A 141 Inf. With one platoon of one rifle Co will relieve Co B 141 Inf. Remainder of these two Cos prepared to take positions in line, or 3rd Co be prepared to move to ST LOUIS and counterattack to restore any penetration of our line between GETZEMBROOK and LEMBURG. (Goetzembruch) Maintain contact with unit on left of present 141 Inf line.	
1525		34			CO Cn Co reported that 3rd Plat of Cn Co is in position. May be able to register this afternoon.	
1527		35			S-2 141 Inf called asking about reconnaissance SE of SOUCHT. S-2 gave details.	
1530		36			Lt Col Felber, CO 753 Tk Bn, came to CP.	
1550		37			Col Lynch arrived back to CP.	
	1615	38			S-3 called S-4. S-4 to send equal supplies to 3rd Bn at ST LOUIS and 1st Bn at LEMBURG. Supplies consisting of trip flares, AP mines, and AT mines. If no mines on hand obtain about 100 of each type for each Bn for delivery tonight. Also tactical wire. Also 35 patrolling suits to each Bn.	

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	1650	39			Col Lynch left for Regt CP in MONTBRONN.	
	1655	40			Regt CP moving to MONTBRONN.	
1730		41			CP closed in MONTBRONN.	
1810		42			Col Lynch arrived at CP.	
	1930	43			Capt Hunley left for Div CP. Returned at 2040A.	
	1930	44			Capt Hunley called CO Cn Co in regards to normal and emergency barrage. To have normal barrage in front of 3rd Bn and the emergency in front of 1st Bn.	
2255		45			CO 3rd Bn reports relief completed as of 2200A. Has assumed responsibility of sector.	
	2320	46			Capt Hunley, S-3, made arrangements with Lt Phinley, Co B 111 Engr Bn, for blocking road and blowing bridges if necessary. Until further adjustments can be made. 3rd Bn will be responsible for notifying posts 1 through 6. 1st Bn responsible for notifying post # 7. Lt Phinley to notify all posts and Bn COs.	
2335		47			S-3 1st Bn reports relief completed at 2230A. Co A reserve in town; Co C 741461-748461; Co B 749459-753457-746454; AT Co 744451-739446, gun at 744445. TDs at 743456-742444-739446. Bn CP 739451.	
2340		48			Bns checked for delivery of Engr supplies (trip flares, AT and AP mines). 2nd Bn has received allotment. 1st and 3rd Bns not delivered as yet.	

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2. a. RCT 142:

Atchd:

Co A 636 TD Bn (1 Plat Ren Co and 1 Plat Co C atchd)
Co B 753 Tk Bn

In support:

Co B III Engr (C) Bn
132 FA Bn (reinf by X Btry 753 Tk Bn)
131 FA Bn

on order from Hq 36 Inf Div relieves RCT 141 on position.
Relief to be effected by midnight 5 Jan.

3. a. 1st Bn:

Atchd:

1 Plat Co A 636 TD Bn
AT Co 142 Inf

(1) Relieves 3rd Bn 141 Inf on position employing:

- (a) One (1) Co in res at LEMBERG.
- (b) Two (2) Cos in pos now held by Cos I & L 141.
- (c) AT Co 142 Inf in pos now held by Co K 141 Inf.
(AT Co will use one (1) Plat as AT gun plat,
and the remainder of the Co as rifle and
weapons men).

(2) Establishes outpost vicinity Q-740463.

b. 2nd Bn:

Atchd:

1 Plat Co C 636 TD Bn.

(1) Becomes Regt Res at ENCHENBERG.

(2) Maintains outpost and OP at Q-734466.

(3) (a) With one (1) Plat (reinf) of one Rifle Co
relieves Co A 141 Inf.

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- X. (1) Units in line will prepare overhead cover for fighting holes and construct log and earth shelters in rear of positions for warming and resting portion of the unit.
- (2) Units will be responsible for the wiring in of defensive positions and the construction of physical roadblocks of trees and mines on all roads and railroads leading into sector. Maximum use will be made of trip flares, AT and AP mines.
- (3) Fire plans of 141 RCT will be adopted and will be supplemented by making additional registrations soon after daybreak 6 Dec.
4. a. Rations:
- (1) Hot rations will be served as ordered by Bn COs.
- b. Evacuation to MONTBRONN.
- c. FWA to MONTBRONN.
5. a. Bns will take over CPs and wire comm now used by 141 Inf Bns.
- b. Regt CP at MONTBRONN.

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JOURNAL

FROM: 060000A Jan. 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 062400A Jan. 1945

Place: MONTBRONN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 6 Jan. 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0600		1			3rd Bn reports quiet during night. right flank Co at 0550A.	Co K contacted
	0615	2			G-2 given situation.	
0630		3			1st Bn reports activity quiet during night. Patrols to 2nd Bn did not make contact with 2nd Bn outpost.	
0635		4			2nd Bn reports activity quiet during night. Had patrol contact with 1st Bn at 2155A. Has phone contact with unit on left.	
	0640	5			Capt Orcutt, G-3 section, given situation. Wants to know why 2nd Bn contact with left unit is only by phone and not patrol. Wants hourly situation reports by phone, if only negative. Wants spot reports on all enemy artillery.	
0650		6			2nd Bn has an outpost within a short distance of 399th Inf on the left. G-3 notified.	
	0940	7			Col Lynch left for Div CP.	
	0945	8			Capt Hunley called Bns asking them their Engr requirements, for defense - etc.	
	1020	9			S-3 gave situation to G-3.	
1030		10			Gen Stack came to CP.	
1045		11			Col Lynch returned to CP and talked with Gen Stack.	
1047		12			1st Bn reported 20 Germans observed at 746499 approaching our positions between Co B and AT Cos. Enemy dispersed with mortar fire. Our AT Co suffered 1 KIA and 1 WIA by German mortar fire. Also a little sniper fire. (This reported to Div at 1305A).	
	1107	13			Gen Stack left CP.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: MONTBRONN
Date: 6 January 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OF MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1125		14			1st Bn reported a German Arty observation plane over LEMBERG. CO AT Co gave this report. Plane had German markins and (K-26) painted on wings. Division notified.	
1230		15			I & R OP reports no enemy activity. OP vicinity 722416. At 1130-1140 9 rounds, 1145-1150 8 rounds, 1210-1215 6 rounds, 1220-1225 2 rounds fell at RJ vicinity 733403.	
	1305	16			S-3 reported situation to Div.	
	1315	17			S-3 notified 2nd Bn that CO wants a TD in vicinity 724468 to cover draw to east.	
	1325	18			Col Lynch left for LEMBERG - 1st Bn CP.	
1345		19			I & R Plat OP reports small arms and mortar fire NE of MEISENTHAL between 1315-1340A. 1330-1340 12 rounds artillery fell vicinity 733403. The small arms fire sounded like mostly american.	
	1400	20			S-3 called all Bns asking them to submit Engr requirements in detail to this Hq. Bns also notified not to use booby traps or AP mines.	
1410		21			2nd Bn made following Engr request: Roadblocks at: 716456, 708467, and 705465. Minefield between 708467 and 705465. Minefield at 728467.	
1430		22			Maj Eligood given locations of units on left of our 2nd Bn: 1 Co at 732473, 1 Co 735479, 1 Co 743488, 1 Co 7449.	
1500		23			Col Lynch returned.	
	1505	24			Col Lynch called CG asking for one Plat tanks to be used by 1st Bn on their push tomorrow. Permission granted.	
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FROM: 060000A Jan. 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 062400A Jan. 1945

Place: MONTBRONN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 6 January 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OF MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1535		25			I/179 723390, L 730388, K 740384; E/180 780380, F 788380, I and K 785385; B/179 748387, C 753386, A 758385, G 773374. German roadblock 795399 with 60 to 70 Germans.	
1550		26			S-3 left for 753 Tk Bn. Returned at 1630A.	
1645		27			Lt Reed, 1st Bn, reports that patrol saw two Germans digging in at 750458. Threw several hand grenades and withdrew. Receiving some artillery and mortar in their company positions.	
1710		28			Co G is in position in LEMBERG.	
1815		29			Engrs report that same method for passwords is still in use as was used last night.	
	1900	30			CO talked to CO 1st Bn. Co C to jump off at 0830A and Co A at 0800A. Arty will fire a TOT at 2300A and 0630A, then will fire separate fires for each Co when they jump.	
1920		31			Gen Dahlquist phoned. Attack for tomorrow is cancelled. Plan to be submitted to Army by 100th Div tonight.	
	1930	32			CO 1st Bn notified that plan for tomorrow is cancelled.	
	1940	32			CO 132 FA Bn notified that plan for tomorrow is cancelled, but CO 142 still wants TOT fired at same times as scheduled.	
1945		33			S-3 3rd Bn reports left Plat of Co K heard tracked vehicles vicinity 764436.	
1950		34			S-3 1st Bn reports small arms fire from left of Co C of approximately two MGs. Put mortar fire on it and it has quieted down. Will notify this Hq of further details. G-3 notified of 3rd Bns report.	

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FROM: 060000A Jan. 1945 Organization: 142 Inf
TO: 062400A Jan. 1945 Place: MONTBRONN
MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,000 Date: 6 January 1945

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1955	35			2nd Bn notified of MG fire being received by left flank of Co C.	
2030		36			I & R Plat OP vicinity MESENTHAL reports approximately 20 rounds of heavy artillery from 110° fell vicinity RJ E of town.	
2040		37			S-3 1st Bn reports small arms fire to left of Co C quieted down. Contact patrol to 3rd Bn returned with no enemy contact.	
2110		38			I & R Plat reports 50 rounds of nebelwerfer fire fell vicinity SARRENSBURG between 2045 and 2050 from vicinity 775412.	
2120		39			S-3 1st Bn reports our artillery started a fire vicinity 747464. Harassing will be stepped up.	
	2125	40			G-3 given situation.	
2130		41			S-3 1st Bn reports enemy making loud noises in vicinity of fire. Now placing about 60 rounds of TD fire in that area.	
2150		42			S-3 3rd Bn reports patrol from Co I to 758436 left 2000A and reached 756436 and were fired on by small arms fire from S of stream. Returned 2140A.	
2155		43			S-2 1st Bn reports white flare over Co B from SE of railroad. No further details.	
	2200	44			G-2 given situation.	
2300		45			S-3 3rd Bn reports contact patrol between Cos I and K contacted enemy patrol of about 8 Germans 200 yds to left of Co K. Had fire fight and still some activity in that sector.	
2400		46			I & R Plat reports 10 rounds of heavy artillery every 5 minutes between 2300 and 2400A fell in town of SARRENSBURG.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 183

FROM: 051200A Jan. 1945
TO : 061200A Jan. 1945

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Hq 142 Inf
CP MONTERONN
6 Jan. 1945

1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Units in contact: No change.
- c. Enemy activity:
 - (1) General: Enemy attitude continued passively defensive throughout period.
 - (2) Infantry: Enemy force of ten (10) men observed digging positions at 743472. Numerous enemy heard in that vic.
 - (3) Artillery: Small (75-mm) to medium (105-mm) artillery harassed our positions at LEMBERG and 740427 intermittently during period.
 - PW taken by 179 Inf reported 4 75-mm How at 763437.
 - (4) Armor: Enemy tank heard moving on road vicinity coord 753432. Track and wheeled vehicles heard moving N and S on road at 748467.
 - (5) Air: Observation plane bearing enemy insignia and number K-26 reported seen in vicinity of LEMBERG.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWs during period: None -- In France: 5480

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. RCT began moving at 1500H to relieve 141 RCT by 052400A. Relief completed and CO 142 Inf assumed command of sector at 052330A. Remainder of period troops improved positions and made all possible efforts to become familiar with En sectors. 142 RCT CP moved to MONTRONN, opening at 1730A.
- b. Present troop dispositions - see attached overlay.

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Capt., 142d Inf.
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FROM: 070000A Jan. 1945 142 Inf
TO: 072400A Jan. 1945 Organization: MONTBRONN
MAP: FRANCE, 1:50,000 Place: 7 Jan 1945
Date:

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0015	1			G-2 given report of situation.	
0035		2			Capt Cornelius, 1st Bn, reported that 1st Bn patrol had contacted 2nd Bn OP. All quiet in sector.	
0010		3			I & R Plat OP reports enemy shelling of SAURENBERG continuous, but has let up some during last hour.	
0145		4			Patrol from I Co to K, L to K, and L to I have all made contact with each other. All quiet in sector. Two white flares at 0120 in sector of unit on right thought to be friendly. 36th Recon patrol contacted 3rd Bn and reports no change along line.	
	0150	5			G-2 given situation.	
0155		6			1st Bn reports contact patrol of 3rd Bn has reported in. All quiet.	
0235		7			3rd Bn reports patrol from 19th Inf reported all quiet. Cos I, K and L 142 Inf reports all quiet.	
0240		8			3rd Bn reports their Co I patrol to Co K found an American helmet at point where Co K had fight with German patrol.	
	0355	9			G-3 given situation.	
0357		10			1st Bn reports enemy 150 Cal Arty firing one round per minute into LEMBERG - from direction of BITCHE. Shelling began at 0340A and was still firing.	
0515		11			1st Bn reports patrol from Co F made no contact.	
	0810	12			S-3 called 753 Tk Bn, Lt Anderson, to have the tanks stay in reserve in LEMBERG.	
0830		13			3rd Bn patrol reports: Co I patrol left at 745439 at 0600. Went SE on trail along nose of hill to point 753438 where they heard noise (Cont'd)	

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FROM: 070000A Jan. 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 072400A Jan. 1945

Place: MONTBRONN

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Date: 7 Jan. 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
		13	(Cont'd)		to the right front on HILL 371 (753433), then proceeded down into valley to 756436 where they were fired upon from 754434. Returned at 0730A.	
0920		14			G-3 phoned and proposed attack will take place possibly tomorrow. Higher Hq has approved the action and 1st Bn 142 Inf will coordinate attack with 399 Inf.	
0945		15			Gen Dahlquist came to CP. Left at 0955A.	
1045		16			CO Cn Co reports the following concentrations: 101 74804500, 102 75004500, 103 74934513, 104 75024513, 105 75184525, 302 74684250, 303 745435, 304 75164355, 305 75604377.	
1130		17			Gen Hess, Div Arty CG, came to CP.	
1135		18			S-2 1st Bn reports patrol from Co A left at 0900A and returned at 1130A. Advanced to 743445 and were fired upon by estimated 8 to 10 enemy with automatic weapons. Suffered 1 KIA and 1 WIA. Co B patrol left at 0900 returning at 1100A. Advanced to 747452 and were fired on by estimate 6 men with AW. No casualties.	
	1140	19			G-2 given situation.	
	1220	20			Capt Hunley notified Bns to use Cn Co fires when possible instead of Arty fire. 3rd Bn reported their patrol spotted 25 Germans moving S vicinity 749439 (left front of Co I). Mortar and Arty fire placed on the group.	
1300		21			S-2 1st Bn reports combat patrol from Co C has been pinned down for an hour by small arms and artillery fire. This platoon has received some casualties.	

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FROM: 070000A Jan. 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 072400A Jan. 1945

Place: MONTBRONN

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1330	22			S-3 called CO 1st Bn that the attack plan that was to be effected this morning in going to be executed tomorrow morning.	
	1345	23			Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn, returned at 1555A.	
	1350	24			Capt Hunley left for 1st Bn. Returned at 1500A.	
1555		25			I & R Plat OP reports that for past 15 minutes about 35 to 40 rounds heavy Cal Arty fell vic 745408 followed by considerable small arms fire.	
	1725	26			CO talked by phone with CO 1st Bn. 1st Bn set for attack in the morning. Arty TOTs to be repeated tonight though area covered will be more condensed. 1st Bn patrols of today located German positions.	
1725		27			I & R Plat reports all about the same. Arty falling sporadically.	
1727		28			Capt Orcutt, G-3 section, called. The General has ordered all service installations removed from MONTBRONN. Only CPs will remain.	
1745		29			Patrol of Co L went to 745441, down slope of hill to E, ran into enemy dug in on line 751438-748442. Had firefight. Saw one enemy run behind brush at 745443. Killed another. Counted 11 enemy in positions there. Received some mortar fire from NW. Two patrols going out at 0700 tonight. Two patrols going out in morning. Patrols are wearing snow suits. Co I patrol leaves left flank at 745436. Go down south slope of ridge, cross highway at 756437, to E onto HILL 345 (760438), continue SE to RJ at 764436, S across highway to stream, then back W along N slope of hill, on back to cross stream at 753436, continue along draw back into positions.	(Cont'd)

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FROM: 070000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 072400A Jan 1945

Place: MONTBRONN

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
		29	(Cont'd)		Co K patrol leaves 744423, goes across draw and follows trail to S of HILL 366. Hit trail junction at 755424. Turn N to top of HILL 366, turn W. West along contour line to starting point. Both of these patrols leave at 1900A.	
	1815	30			S-3 1st Bn notified that Engrs would be at 1st Bn between 2000-2100 tonight. Asked that a security party and guides be given them.	
1850		31			At 1820 1st Bn observed a number of flares to left of Co C positions near 2nd Bn OP. 2nd Bn believes them to be enemy. Friendly unit on left of 2nd Bn OP, has taken up positions near 2nd Bn OP and are digging in at about 750475.	
1845		32			Maj Webster, 143 Inf, came to CP to study situation preparatory to relief of 142 Inf by 143 Inf.	
	1855	33			G-2 given patrol missions for tonight.	
1910		34			CO Cn Co phoned for permission to fire 15 rounds per hour on five points till 2400A then from 0400 to 0730A vicinity 753452 and 100 yards to left and 200 yards to front. Permission granted.	
1915		35			G-3 phoned to check on details of attack tomorrow. Gen has granted permission for use of 2nd Bn if necessary.	
1925		36			Capt Orcutt phoned requesting number of vehicles 142 RCT has in MONTBRONN.	
	1935	37			G-3 given total number of vehicles in town: 19 1/4 ton; 2 2 1/2 ton and 1 3/4 ton.	
	1940	38			Engr left Regt CP enroute to 1st Bn. Engr to clear gap in minefields for 1st Bn armor tomorrow.	

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FROM: 070000A Jan 1945

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1945		39			I & R OP vicinity MEISENTHAL reports that at 1910A 40 rounds of Arty fell S of SARRENSBERG in five minutes. One white flare was shot N of town. One enemy plane has been flying over area for past hour.	
2005		40			131 FA phoned and Cn Co 141 Inf is turning in M-3 tomorrow and has 900 rounds of ammunition that Cn Co 142 Inf may have if they will pick it up from Cn Co CP 690437.	
	2010	41			CO Cn Co notified of above information.	
2030		42			AT Co reports they they picked up three PWs who set off a trip wire in front of their position at 745454. G-2 Div notified.	
2035		43			CO 1st Bn reports that there is activity between Co B and AT Co at the present, will notify us of the outcome.	
2310		44			I & R Plat reports that all has been pretty quiet for the past two hours, about ten rounds of Arty fell in SANENSBERG. Also there is one plane that has been flying overhead. Cannot see it for the clouds.	
2330		45			Lt Wadleigh reports that the 3 PWs were out of 4th Co 466 Regt. They did not have their steel helmets on more were they armed. Said they were out looking for chow and got lost. G-2 notified.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 184

FROM: 061200A Jan. 1945
TO : 071200A Jan. 1945

Hq 142 Inf
GP MONTBRONN
7 Jan. 1945

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Units in contact: No change.
- c. Enemy activity:
 - (1) General: Continued active resistance to our patrols. No aggressive action along regimental front.
 - (2) Infantry: No change.
 - (3) Artillery: The enemy continued to harass our positions with medium and light caliber artillery with considerable increase in 81-mm and 120-mm mortar fire.

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. RCT held defensive positions from 47 northing to GUETZENBRUCK on the south.
- b. Recon patrols from 1st Bn advanced to 743445 and 747452 when fired upon by enemy AW and were forced to return suffering a few casualties. Our artillery fired to front of Co C started a fire vicinity 747464 at 2120A. Contact patrol from Co I to Co K contacted an 8 man enemy patrol approximately 200 yards to left of Co K positions. A short fire fight developed but was soon quieted. Co K left platoon heard tracked vehicle s vicinity 764436 at 1945A.
- c. Town of SARREINSBERG received intermittent artillery and nebelwerfer fire throughout the period. Enemy shot white flare over Co B positions at 2155A.
- d. One platoon of Co B 753 Tk Bn moved to LEMBERG to support 1st Bn attack scheduled for 07 Jan. Co G moved from ENCHENBERG to LEMBERG as Regt'l reserve in 1st Bn sector.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.,
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FROM: 080000A Jan. 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 082400A Jan. 1945

Place: MONTERONN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 8 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0020		1			3rd Bn combat patrol returned and reports no enemy contact. Some mines and booby traps were located. Location to be phoned this Hq. After 0700A. Contact patrols between Co I and K report no enemy activity.	
0215		2			Lt Garrett, 1st Bn, reports all quiet. 2nd Bn contact patrol reported in and no enemy activity.	
0255		3			I & R Plat reports only 11 rounds of Arty fell during last two hours vicinity SE of SARRENSBERG.	
0345		4			Heavy Arty falling in steady barrage. 3rd Bn 399 Inf, Div Arty, and 131 FA called to ask if in our sector. Bns Checked. Some, but not all falling in Co B sector 750457. 2nd Bn reports line to Co E is out so some may be in its area.	
0410		5			Co A contact patrol returned. No activity.	
0730		6			1st Bn states Co A left LEMBERG at 0545A. CO 1st Bn will be at Co C. Engr cleared gap for armor.	
	0740	7			G-3 given situation.	
0750		8			Capt Lowery, 1st Bn, reports Co A at LD and Co C ready to jump.	
0750		9			S-3 3rd Bn reports patrol from Co I crossed road vicinity 756436 and found enemy dug in on HILL 345.	
0800		10			S-3 2nd Bn reports 3 PWs taken on left flank of Co E. Co A is on LD ready to jump.	
0805		11			S-3 399 Inf reports their Inf jumped on time, but tanks on right flank were few minutes late.	
0815		12			S-3 3rd Bn reports patrol from Co K left 1900A returned at 2330A. Found enemy booby trap vicinity 748424, then patrol set one off 750424 and was injured. Patrol returned, no contact. (Cont'd)	

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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 082400A Jan. 1945

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Date: 8 Jan 1945

TIME		TYPE OR MSG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
IN	OUT			
		12 (Cont'd)	Co K patrol left 0600A from 741422, went E to draw then turned N E to 748428. No enemy contact. As patrol started up hill enemy threw two grenades and then patrol returned. No casualties.	
0825		13	2nd Bn OP reports Co A 300 yards to east of them and are moving out.	
0930		14	Capt Lowery, 1st Bn, reports that they jumped off on time and at the present are in contact with the enemy and receiving heavy artillery. CO 1st Bn just called and reports that there is friendly artillery falling at 747467. Capt Hunley called S-3 399 Inf and asked that they check if Co I is directing artillery.	
0935		15	S-3 399 Inf reports that they are firing at 747473.	
0940		16	Capt Lowery, 1st Bn, reports that CO 1st Bn is still receiving some artillery and that the friendly has stopped. G-3 notified.	
1000	1000	17	CO 1st Bn called Col Lynch and reports that Co C is at 745466 and still receiving some artillery. Captured some PWs. PW states that there are 34 Cos.	
	1010	18	Col Lynch gave the situation to Gen Dahlquist.	
1045		19	CO 1st Bn called Col Lynch that Co C is in contact with Co A and that Co A still is in a little fire fight. Co I is abreast with Co A and that they have their tanks. Col Lynch ordered defensive fires set up on the approaches up to their position, also on the road from BITCH. To leave the tanks in position with Co A for 24 hours. CO 1st Bn reports that he is going to put one Plat on the knob and the other two Plats in the northern end of town. Co B will stay in position.	
1100		20	CO 1st Bn reports that Co A is going into position. Have about 11 PWs.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 080000A Jan. 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 082400A Jan. 1945

Place: MONTBRONN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 8 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
OUT						
1105		21			Col Lynch called Gen Dahlquist and gave him the above information, that Co C is on their objective, and that Co A is going into position.	
1120		22			Capt Hunley called S-3 of 399th Inf that CO 142 ordered that no artillery be shot on this side of the boundary.	
1140		23			Gen Hess came to CP. Left at 1150A.	
1155		24			G-2 given situation.	
1230		25			S-3 2nd Bn reports Co I 399 Inf on objective. Co K short of objective, and Co L pinned down by 88 fire. Asked permission to withdraw part of Bn outposts.	
1305		26			CO 1st Bn called Col Lynch and reports that they have patrol out to the left trying to contact the 399 Inf. Also that there is a tank knocked out by artillery and that it can be taken out. Also there is a TD in his area that can also be taken out. Have all defensive fires set up. CO ordered CO 1st Bn to leave Co G where it is and to put up wire in front of Co A positions. They have approx 50 PWs and have killed several Germans.	
1315		27			G-3 given situation, they report that the 399 Inf has Co I 750474, K 747480, L same place.	
1330		28			Lt Hamilton reports that 399 Inf Co I is receiving a strong counterattack from 752471.	
1335		29			Col Lynch left for 1st Bn.	
1415		30			S-2 gave Div patrol reports.	
1435		31			Capt Marcum, 1st Bn, reported they are putting in concertina wire on flanks with trip flares. Defensive fires registered. The enemy CA on the unit to left has been broken up.	

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FROM: 080000A Jan. 1945
TO : 082400A Jan. 1945
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP MONTEBRONN
Date: 8 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1500		32			Gen Dahlquist called requesting that we make every effort to secure tie-in with 399th Inf on our left.	
1530		33			S-3 of 399 Inf called and would like to tie in at RJ 748471.	
1535		34			Capt Hunley called Capt Marcum, 1st Bn, and asked if combat patrol that we sent out to contact the 399 Inf and that Co I has returned. Also that the 399 Inf would like us to send patrols over to RJ 748471.	
1540		35			Col Lynch arrived at CP.	
	1600	36			Col Lynch called CO 1st Bn and he reports that the first contact patrol had not returned as yet. Sent another patrol of about 14 men to the RJ. Col Lynch ordered one squad outpost be sent tonight to stay at 746470.	
	1605	37			Col Lynch gave the above information to CO 399 Inf.	
	1720	38			G-2 given situation.	
1740		39			Co K is sending 6-man patrol at 1800 from GOETZENBRUCH, follow trail to saddle on HILL 366 and into draw E of hill, north to stream fork, then back W across saddle of HILLS 371 and 366, then across draw SW back to Co area. Co I putting out 6 man ambush patrol at 752438 where they cut wire.	
1800		40			CO 1st Bn phoned Col Lynch. Co A is maintaining outpost with Co I 399th Inf. Total of 17 men on outpost. Contact patrols are being operated between outpost and Co A.	
	1805	41			S03 399 Inf notified of above information.	

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FROM: 080000A Jan. 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 082400A Jan. 1945

Place: CP MONTBRONN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 8 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1810	42			CO phoned G-3 to check where RCT will train. Gen desires we move in five towns vicinity DURLINGEN. More details later.	
1810		43			S-3 1st Bn reports they estimate 25 to 30 enemy dead and 47 PWs. Bn had 15 casualties.	
	1837	44			S-3 gave Lt Col Green, CO 132 FA Bn, situation.	
	1900	45			CO left for Div Hq.	
1947		46			CO Cn Co said 1st Bn called for ten rounds per hour on point 751444 north 400 yards to 75 grid line. Also firing for 3rd Bn at 756436 and 753434 to 756435.	
2015		47			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
2015		48			G-2 phoned and requested all maps of this area be collected and held for future use as maps of this area are scarce due to a paper shortage.	
	2018	49			S-3 phoned FDC for new defensive fires prepared for new defensive area at Co H.	
	2020	50			S03 checked with S-3 3rd Bn in regards to flares being fired in vicinity LEMBERG. He states them believed fired by AT Co. Co K patrol vicinity 752425 observed about 20 enemy moving S out of draw vicinity 758423 and proceeding up hill. We are now firing Cn Co on them.	
	2025	51			S03 checked with 1st Bn on flares. Two enemy came to AT Co positions and set off two flares and one mine. Do not know details. Some movement to front of Co A and firing defensive fires, but nothing has developed.	
2110		52			Capt Lowery, 1st Bn, phoned and outpost between Co I 399 Inf and Co A have taken 8 PWs and they are evacuated through 399th Inf.	(Cont'd)

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FROM: 080000A Jan. 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 082400A Jan. 1945

Place: MONTERONN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 8 Jan 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OF MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
		52	(Cont'd)		While PWs were being evacuating enemy started fire fight and Co A men drove them back across road.	
2120		53			G-3 phoned and RCT will move to REXWILLER (5934) ADAMSWILLER (6133), DURSTEL (6032) and BETWILLER (5932).	
2125		54			CO 1st Bn reports one enemy tank knocked out by out artillery or TD fire on Co A objective. Type unknown.	
2130		55			Co I ambush patrol at 752438 returned at 2100A. No enemy encountered. Reported to G-2.	
2330		56			S-4 said we would get 50 trucks for move.	

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UNIT REPORT
No. 185

FROM: 071200A Jan. 1945
TO : 081200A Jan. 1945

Hq 142 Inf
GP MONTERONN
8 Jan. 1945

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1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Units in contact: No change.
- c. Enemy activity:
 - (1) General: The enemy continued his passive resistance and offered no offensive action in the sector.
 - (2) Infantry: The enemy appears to be engaged in the construction of 10g shelters and emplacements on the N slope of HILL 371.2, the W slope of HILL 345 and an OP on top of HILL 345.
 - (3) Artillery: Harassing in general and concentrated in the LEMBERG area. 155 and 105 Cal reported. Enemy 81-mm mortar fire delivered in our LEMBERG positions.
 - (4) Armor: No armor was reported in sector. Vehicular traffic moving SE was heard on road at coordinates 757434.
 - (5) Five PWs during period: 4th Co 466 Regt

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. RCT held defensive positions with recon patrols probing vigorously to front.
- b. At 080645A Co A moved from LEMBERG to LD vicinity 735465 preparatory to attack E at 0800A. Attack launched E at 0800A by Co A and north at 0830A by Co C proved successful and our troops were on objective 746466 by 1115A, capturing approximately 60 of the enemy.
- c. Co A plus one Flat Co C reorganized and holding objective. Co C less platoon moved to LEMBERG to occupy area previously held by Co A.

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Capt., 142d Inf.
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FROM: 090000A Jan. 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 092400A Jan. 1945

Place: MONTBRONN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 9 Jan. 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0100		1			AT Co patrol made contact with Co I.	
0235		2			1st Bn phoned and states 150 to 170mm from direction of BITCHE firing three rounds battery and landing at Bn CP vicinity 738445. Firing every ten minutes for last 30 minutes.	
	0500	3			G-3 given situation.	
0700		4			Capt Terrell called 3rd Bn. Two patrols are out now, having left at 0600A. All quiet in sector.	
0705		5			1st Bn reports still receiving heavy artillery. Lines to Cos have been knocked out. Co A firing artillery. Co B firing mortars. Small arms in AT Co sector has quieted down for the moment. G-3 notified.	
	0745	6			Capt Hunley talked with S-3, 1st Bn. Estimates 250 rounds artillery fell on LEMBERG during night. Does not yet believe enemy will attack. Concertina wire installed on Co A positions during the night. A Co B platoon now reported to be in trouble. Details will come later.	
0800		7			CO 1st Bn called. Situation may be developing into full scale attack. Right platoon Co B in trouble with Germans in amongst them. Is sending a platoon of Co C to help Co B. Not much small arms fire going on.	
	0820	8			G-2 given situation.	
	0840	9			Bns notified by S-2 of critical map shortage. Suggest maps of this area be held by Bn Hq and reissued upon return to this sector.	
0840		10			Radios report that traffic on 1st Bn net indicates situation has quieted.	
	0840	11			S-3 left for new training area.	

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FROM: 090000A Jan. 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 092400A Jan. 1945

Place: MONTBRONN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 9 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0855	12			CO Hq Co notified to see CO.	
0900		13			CO 1st Bn called CO. CO 1st Bn says that the Plat of Co C that was to help the Plat of Co B reports that the B Co platoon was not in position and could not be located. CG Div given this information.	
0945		14			Capt Marcum, 1st Bn, reports that an estimate Bn hit Co B position. Two squads of Inf and one Sec of HMG missing. Co G pushed the enemy out. 13 PWs and 50 KIA. CG Div given this information.	
1010		15			CO 1st Bn called Col Lynch and reports that the PWs state that there was of Bn of three 3 Cos with 100 men each. Were assembled in BITCH last night and were to take the high ground E of LEMBERG. They are from the 1st Co of 59 Regt 19 VGD. Most of which are air force men. CG Div given the above information.	
1130		16			3rd Bn reports that Co I combat patrol that got as far as stream junction at 750434 had a fire fight. One man KIA. Bn area receiving heavy shelling. Will give more details later.	
	1155	17			Col Lynch talked to CO 1st Bn on the present situation. Co B lost two squads of one Plat and one squad of another. Lines are restored and things quiet. Plat of Co C between Co B and Co A firing 60mm mortars at about 10 enemy in snow suits to their front. Co B to remain in LEMBERG XXXX untill 1600A. Arty firing bingo at 751448.	
	1200	18			G-2 given situation.	
1300		19			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
1530		20			G-3 phoned requesting no 142 RC ¹ troops use town of WEISSLINGERHOFF as it was reserved for 141 RCT.	

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FROM: 090000A Jan. 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 092400A Jan. 1945

Place: CP MONTBRONN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 9 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1540		21			Co B 753 Tk Bn checked for details of relief. Tk Co will train vicinity MACKWILLER.	
1555		22			CO 2nd Bn reports relief of 2nd Bn complete except Co G.	
	1600	23			Col Lynch phoned G-3 for permission to use GUNGWILLER and BERG to bivouac Cn, Co B 111 Med and TD Co. G-3 will check Corp and notify this Hq in next hour.	
1630		24			Maj Newell called and reports that the two above towns are for Corps only.	
1630		25			Maj Newell, Div, called and reports that the two above towns are for Corps only.	
1645		26			Maj Newell, Div, called Col Lynch and reports that Gen Stack just got back and talked over the situation with him. That it would be alright to use the towns of ASHWILLER and OTTWILLER. To try to use ASSWILLER if possible, if not then use both towns.	
	1830	27			Capt Terrell called 1st Bn in regards to relief and that it will be completed in about two hours. Also that the area is pretty quiet.	
	1835	28			Capt Terrell called 3rd Bn in regards to relief and that it will be completed about 2130A.	
1835		29			S-4 called and reports that there is now 60 and 81mm mortar, MG, hand grenades to be gotten.	
1910		30			Capt Knox called and reports that Cos L and K have been relieved.	
	1930	31			S-3 notified all Bns to carry their basic load of 60 and 81mm mortars and MG.	

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FROM: 090000A Jan. 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 092400A Jan. 1945

Place: CP MONTBRONN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 9 Jan. 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
2020		32			3rd Bn reports all of Cos L and K and 2/3 of Co I assembled in ST LOUIS.	
2100		33			S-3 1st Bn reports all but one plat of HMGS has been relieved. Div G-3 notified.	
2150		34			S-3 1st Bn reports relief complete.	
2151		35			Relief of 3rd Bn complete.	
2155		36			Lt Col Denholm, CO 143 Inf, called Col Lynch. Relief completed. CO 143 Inf will assume responsibility of sector.	
	2200	37			Div G-3 notified that relief is complete.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 186

Hq 142 Inf
CP MONTBRONN
9 Jan. 1945

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FROM: 081200A Jan. 1945
TO : 091200A Jan. 1945

1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- a. Enemy front lines: No change.
- b. Units in contact: No change.
- c. Enemy activity:
 - (1) General: Aggressive offensive action in contrast to the former passive defensive measures characterized this period.
 - (2) Infantry: No serious attempt was made to regain the territory lost by the friendly attack of yesterday morning. Shortly before daylight, however, of 9 Jan he launched an attack by an estimated force of 200-250 men on our B Co position at 751459. This attack was initially successful but reinforcements drove him from the newly won positions and inflicted heavy casualties on the attackers.
 - (3) Artillery: Our positions were subjected to heavy artillery concentrations throughout the night and morning. This consisted of 150mm, 88 SP, and 120mm mortar fire.
 - (4) Armor: Other than the SP shelling our positions there was no report of armor in the vicinity for this period. One enemy tank was destroyed and another driven off by our attack the morning of 8 Jan.
- d. Miscellaneous:
 - (1) PWS during period: 71 - Total in France: 5556
 - (2) Identifications: 1st Co 59 Regt 19 VGD

2. OWN SITUATION:

- a. RCT held defensive positions, with ren patrols operating to immediate front.
- b. Enemy shelled LEMBERG intermittently during the night and at dawn launched an estimated three Co attack against Co B. Plat of Co C sent to reinforce Co B and attack was beaten off with no loss of ground. Co G ordered to remain in LEMBERG till 1600A.
- c. Other units no change in dispositions.

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Capt., 142d Inf.
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Maps: FRANCE 1:50,000, Sheets XXXVI 13, 14; XXXVII 13, 14.

1. a. x x x.

b. x x x.

2. a. RCT 142:

Atchd:

Co A 636 TD Bn
Co B 111 Med Bn
Co B 753 Tk Bn

will be relieved in pos by 143 RCT night 09-10 Jan 45,
relief to be completed by 082400A Jan 45. On order CG,
RCT moves to new assembly and training area to be designated.

3. a. 1st Bn (AT Co 142 Inf atchd):

(1) Upon being relieved assembles in LEMBERG, prepares
for further movement by motor after daybreak 10 Jan.

b. 2nd Bn:

(1) Upon being relieved assembles in ECHENBERG, prepares
for further movement by motor after daybreak 10 Jan.

(2) G Co begins foot movement to ECHENBERG at 091300A Jan.

c. 3rd Bn:

(1) Upon being relieved assembles in ST LOUIS, prepares
for further movement by motor after daybreak 10 Jan.

d. 3d Co 142 Inf:

(1) Upon being relieved assembles in present area, prepares
for further movement after daybreak 10 Jan.

e. AT Co 142 Inf:

(1) Assembles with 1st Bn at LEMBERG.

(2) Reverts to control CO 142 Inf on order this HQ.

(3) Prepares to transport additional troops of 1st Bn on
organic trans as designated by this HQ.

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- f Co A 636 TD Bn: Assembles in previous area via Q-875435, prepares for further movement with RCT 142 after daybreak 10 Jan.
- g Co B 753 Tk Bn: Upon relief reverts to control of CO 753d Tk Bn.
- h All other separate Cos RCT 142, and atchd units, upon completion of relief assemble in present localities, prepare for further movement after daybreak 10 Jan.
- x (1) Guides for units of 143 RCT will be furnished by each front line plat, and will be at respective Bn CPs prior to dark 9 Jan.
- (2) One (1) NCO per front line plat, and one (1) officer per Bn will remain with relieving unit until 101200A Jan 45.
- (3) Bns will continue patrols to front and flanks from forward positions in sector, as directed by this Hq, to screen unit relief until 100600A Jan 45.
- (4) Bns will notify relieving units of locations of mine fields, wire entanglements, trip flares, etc, and turn over to them all overlays, maps, etc of defensive positions and fires.
- (5) (a) Normal billeting parties for new assay and training area will report to this Hq with trans at 091300A Jan.
- (b) Lt Peters, Regt Hq Co, will conduct party, mark route to be traveled, and show billeting areas to Bns and separate units.
- (6) March order to new assay and training area, assignment of trucks, and time schedule of movement to be announced.
- (7) Each Bn will leave sufficient trans to carry rear details to new area. This personnel necessarily left behind will be instructed as to location of new area and routes thereto.

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Hq 142 RCT
MONTBRONN
091500A Jan. '45

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MOVEMENT ORDER TO ACCOMPANY PO # 34, 082400A Jan. '45.

Maps: FRANCE 1:50,000, Sheets XXXVI 13,14; XXXVII 13,14.

1. 142 Inf, with Co A 636 TD Bn and Co B 111 Med Bn atchd, moves by motor from present positions to Bn areas during daylight 10 Jan.

2. Truck assignments:

REPORT TO	TIME	TRUCKS	UNIT
ENCHENBERG	0800A 10 Jan.	17 (32 T)	1st Bn
ENCHENBERG	0745A 10 Jan.	16 "	2nd Bn
ST LOUIS	0745A 10 Jan.	15 "	3rd Bn
MONTBRONN	0800 10 Jan.	2 "	Regt Hq Co

(Trucks report to S-4 at RATZWILLER on completion of move)

3. IP: 1st Bn, 2nd Bn, AT Co - Overpass S of ENCHENBERG
3rd Bn - West end of ST LOUIS
Others - RJ at Q-674434

Route and destination: See Strip Map, annex # 1

Quartering party: As already orally ordered.

4. Abbreviated March Table:

SERIAL	UNITS	IP & TIME OF DEP.	DESTINATION
1	2nd Bn	ENCHENBERG - 0800	DURSTEL
2	3rd Bn	ST LOUIS - 0900	ADAMSWILLER
3	* 1st Bn	ENCHENBERG - 1000	REXINGEN
	AT Co	" - 1000	"
4	Hq Co	RJ at Q-674434 - 1045	BETTWILLER
	Co B 111 Med Bn	"	"
	Cn Co 142 Inf	"	"
	Co A 636 TD Bn	"	"
	(Capt Fore - Comdg)		

- Notes:
1. March units within serials will be organic companies.
 2. 100 Yards between vehicles - 5 minutes between march units.
 3. Air recognition panels displayed on vehicles.
 4. Truck tarpaulins off.
 5. All personnel on duty in each vehicle.
 6. Speed: Lead vehicles each serial not to exceed 20 MPH.
Make column move at most convenient speed.

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6. Route will be marked by RCT 142 signs to RJ at Q-598344 where unit guides will meet serials.

* 1st Bn move organic vehicles to assembly in RATZWILLER, leaving LEMBERG after 0500A and clearing ENCHENBERG before 0730A, prepared to join Bn column as it passes RJ Q-634406. Foot troops leave LEMBERG at 0800A, assemble at ENCHENBERG, mount, and leave at 1000A.

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V. I - Strip Map

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FROM: 100000A Jan. 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 102400A Jan. 1945

Place: CP MONTBRONN

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 10 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0850	1			Col Lynch left for Div CP, then will join staff at Regt CP in BETTWILLER.	
	0900	2			S-2 left to check units at IP.	
	0930	3			CP moved to BETTWILLER.	
1030		4			CP opened in BETTWILLER.	
	1110	5			Capt Hunley left for 1st Bn in REXINGEN.	
1125		6			Col Lynch arrived at new CP.	
	1130	7			Col Lynch left for 1st Bn.	
1200		8			2nd Bn reports closed in at 0925A.	
1220		9			Col Lynch and Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
	1420	10			G-3 given situation.	
	1450	11			S-3 left for S-4 and 2nd Bn.	
1500		12			G-3 phoned and searchlight demonstration will be held tonight at 1900A vic HIRCHLAND.	
1610		13			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
	1745	14			S-2 left for searchlight demonstration.	
2030		15			Capt Sullivan, S-2, returned.	

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FROM: 110000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 122400A Jan 1945

Place: CP BETTWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 121 Jan 1945

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0845	1			Capt Hunley requested a squad from Co B 111 Engr to help put up targets. S-3 111 Engr Bn granted permission and Engrs will report immediately.	
0915		2			G-3 36th Div phoned and 142 RCT, with Co A 636 TD Bn and Co B 111 Engr attached and 111 Engr Bn less Co B in support moves by motor at 0800A 14 Jan to DEMERINGEN - RATZWILLER - VOLKSBERG - WALHAMBACH to organize RRL switch position VOLKSBERG and continue organization and improvement of MLR 141 RCT now organizing for four Bn centers instead of three. RCT will initiate reconnaissance of RRL and MLR immediately. 141 CP 687422. 3rd Bn - VOLKSBERG; 2nd Bn less Co E DEMERINGEN; 1st Bn RATZWILLER. Co E WALDHAMBACH. Engr in MACKWILLER. Medical Co 6535 GS.	
	1050	3			Capt Hunley, S-3, phoned S-3 111 Engr Bn and requested Capt Curry to meet Col Lynch and Capt Hunley at Div rear in DEMERINGEN at 1330A.	
1115		4			Capt Hunley notified that Capt Curry had received word to meet Col Lynch and rcn party at DEMERINGEN.	
	1320	5			CO 2nd Bn notified that approximately 5 officers of 636 TD Bn would attend Arty school this PM.	
	1330	6			CO and S-3 left to make rcn of MLR and RRL.	
	1345	7			Capt Sullivan left for 1st Bn.	
1400		8			Et Col Simpson returned to Regt from Hospital.	
1545		9			Capt Sullivan, S-2, returned to CP.	
1700		10			CO and S-3 returned to CP.	
2050		11			Co B 111 Engr Bn states material required for psotions are as follows: 900 rolls tracing tape; 7500 lbs TNT; 15,000 AT mines; 29,000 steel pickets long; 21000 steel pickets short, 2510 reels barbed wire (105 lb reels, 420 yds to reel).	

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FROM: 110000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 112400A Jan 1945

Place: CP BETTWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 11 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
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2100		12 P			G-3 phoned Col Lynch and gave following information: Plans developing for 36th Div to attack NE from SARRENSBERG to MUTTERHOUSE on 13th Jan, 142 RCT on right and 141 RCT on left. Assembly areas ST LOUIS- MEISENTHAL-SARRENSBERG. 143 RCT present line as LD. Unit on left (100 Div) to attack BITCHE and unit on right attack N.	
	2100	13			Capt Hunley notified all units that officers' schools scheduled after CO 1st Bns school tomorrow is cancelled.	
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FROM: 120000A Jan 1945
TO : 122400A Jan 1945
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP BETTWILLER
Date: 12 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0900	1			CO and Lt Col Simpson left for 3rd Bn. Lt Col Simpson will command the 3rd Bn.	
0935		2			Col Lynch returned.	
1055		3			G-3 gave permission for RCT to begin moving by foot at 0800A.	
	1310	4			Bns notified of foot movement tomorrow to areas of switch positions. Will contact 141 Inf representatives in respective areas and make route reconnaissance today.	
1330		5			Capt Bellamy, S-3 111 Engr Bn, came to CP to discuss Engr support in construction of defensive positions.	
	1330	6			Capt Sullivan, S-2, left for route reconnaissance.	
	1400	7			Col Lynch left for Div CP.	
1405		8			Lt Col Gillette arrived at CP to fill duties as Executive Officer.	
1530		9			Div called and informed Capt Hunley that all mine laying will be suspended immediately. Mines may be stored near sites to be used, but laid only upon approval of this Hq. Above applies to all types of mines.	
1530		10			Div Ln O reports that French are training and firing at POSTROFF Q-5228.	
1630		11			Col Lynch arrived at CP.	
	1700	12			Bn COs notified to be at CP at 1900A for meeting.	
1900		13			Col Lynch held a meeting of Bn COs and issued instructions on organizing RRL and MLR.	

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Maps: FRANCE 1:50,000, Sheets XXXVI 13,14 and XXXVII 13,14.

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b. (1) RCT 141 moves 130800A Jan 1945 from DIEMERENGEN, RATZWILLER, VOLKSBERG area and relieves RCT 143 on pos night 13-14 Jan 1945.

(2) RCT 145, upon relief, moves to assy area ST LOUIS, MONTEBONN and initiates unit training.

2. a. RCT 142:

Atchd:

Co A 636 TD Bn
Co B 111 Engr Bn
Co B 111 Med Bn

moves by foot and motor, starting at 130800A Jan 45, to new unit billeting areas preparatory to taking over the organization and construction of defensive line LORENTZEN - VOLKSBERG begun by RCT 141 10 Jan 1945.

3. a. 1st Bn:

(1) Starting 130930A moves on foot to DIEMERENGEN (Q-6038), billets troops in quarters vacated by 2nd Bn 141 RCT, and prepares for work on LORENTZEN - VOLKSBERG defensive line.

b. 2nd Bn:

(1) Starting 130800A moves on foot to RATZWILLER (Q-637395), billets troops in quarters vacated by 1st Bn 141 RCT, and prepares for work on LORENTZEN - VOLKSBERG defensive line.

c. 3rd Bn:

(1) Starting 130800A moves on foot to VOLKSBERG (Q-680388), billets troops in quarters vacated by 3rd Bn 141 RCT, and prepares for work on LORENTZEN - VOLKSBERG defensive line.

d. AT Co moves by org trans 131200A to VALDHAMBACH (Q-620365), prepares to assist Engr or Inf in construction of defensive line as directed by this Hq.

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- e. Cn Co moves by org trans 131200A to WALDHAMBACH (Q-620365), prepares to assist Engr or Inf in construction of defensive line as directed by this Hq.
- f. Co A 636 TD Bn moves by org trans from present area 131230A to WEISSLINGEN (Q-645355), prepares to assist Engr in construction of defensive line.
- g. Co B 111 Engr (C) Bn remains in present area, continues rcn and preparation for work on defensive line as directed by Regt CO.
- h. Co B 111 Med Bn moves by org trans from present area 131300A to WEISSLINGEN (Q-645355), occupies area vacated by Co A 111 Med Bn.
- x. (1) For motor routes to new areas - see overlay, Annex # 1.
(2) Each Bn will without delay make rcn for foot routes to new area in order to avoid primary roads.
(3) Each Bn and separate unit will prior to 13 Jan 45 send representatives to new billeting areas to make arrangements for taking over from vacating units. Quartering parties from each Bn and separate unit will arrive in new billeting area not later than 130800A for purposes of holding vacated areas and guiding troops upon arrival.
(4) Individual bed rolls will be carried on org trans.
(5) Bn org trans will follow foot troops, leaving present area as follows:
- 1st Bn - 1100A
2nd Bn - 1030A
3rd Bn - 1030A

4. a. Rations:

- (1) Hot breakfast will be served 13 Jan.
- (2) Kitchens will be loaded and moved to new area under Bn control, leaving not later than 0830A. AT Jo, Cn Co, Co A 636 TD Bn, will serve hot noon meal in present areas and move kitchens with org column.

5. a. Bns will take over CPs and wire nets of vacating units.

b. Regt CP at WALDHAMBACH

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Hq 142 RCT
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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

Maps: FRANCE 1:50,000, Sheets XXXVI 13,14 and XXXVII 13,14.

1. a. Beginning 140830A Jan 1945, RCT 142, with present atchmts and supporting Engr elements, organizes RRL in "switch position" (VOLKSBERG - LORENZERN) and continues organization and improvement of present MLR in sector to include four (4) Bn centers of resistance.
2. a. For location of MLR, RRL, boundaries for Bn centers of resistance on RRL, and Co defense areas - see overlay.
b. Rcn of positions by Bn and Co Comdrs will commence morning 13 Jan.
c. Actual work on positions by Cos will begin 0830A 14 Jan.
d. No excavation or shelters will be begun until the selected site has been inspected by the next higher commander. (Plat COs for individual holes, Bn COs for plat positions and automatic weapons locations).
e. Overlays in detail showing plat positions, automatic weapons positions and fields of fire, mortar positions, OPS, CPS, wire trace will be prepared by Bns and submitted to this Hq by 141700A Jan.
f. One (1) Co of Engrs with normal equipment will be in direct support of each Bn.
3. a. Priority of work.
 - (1) Location by taping of Hvy Wpns positions.
 - (2) Location by taping of platoon areas.
 - (3) Location by taping of pair of riflemen positions.
 - (4) Location of position of tactical wire by taping or sprinkling sand or dirt on snow over the trace to be followed by double apron fence. Tactical wire of this nature will be installed by Engr atchmts.
 - (5) Rcn and marking of supply routes to include Cos.

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- (6) Location of platoon shelters and unit supply dumps.
- (7) Location of OPs and CPs.
- (8) Digging of positions, cutting fields of fire (limited cutting only).
- ((9) Sawing materials and preparation of shelters and overhead cover for all positions.
- (10) Laying of mine fields and tactical wire (on order).
(Although minefields may not be laid in this Corps sector until further notice, mines may be stacked at the site ready for placing).

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JOURNAL

FROM: 130000A Jan. 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 132400A Jan. 1945

Place: CP BETTERWILLER

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 13 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1130	1			1st Bn notified to send 1st Bn Hq Co through showers as soon as possible as 3rd Bn will follow afterward. 1st Bn estimates completion at 1330A.	
	1132	2			3rd Bn notified to start showering elements at 1400A.	
1145		3			G-3 phoned and Co A 111 Med Bn will move. S-4 office temporarily in WEISSLINGEN, but Serv Co has been ordered to move out.	
1230		4			G-3 phoned and SEVENTH Army has ordered 1 RCT alerted to move to 103 Div sector. Movement will be probably made tonight. S-4 to contact G-4 for transportation. Units on move will continue to destination and entruck there. 103 Div CP ST JEAN - ROHRBACH	
	1305	5			Col Lynch left for S-4.	
1330		6			G-3 phoned and move will be after 1800A tonight. Attachments are Tanks, TDs, Med, Engr, and Arty. Further details later.	
1355		7			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1445		8			Div Traffic Control officer phoned and arranged with Capt Hunley for RCT IP to be LORENZON.	
	1500	9			Col Lynch left for XXI Corps Hq in MARHANGE.	
	1530	10			S-2 left for 103 Div CP in ST JEAN ROHRBACH.	
1615		11			DOMFESSEL, SARRE UNION, W on Hwy 1C3B to HARK-ISHRIN, ALTWILLER, VIBERSVILLER, MUNSTER, Hwy D123 to FRANCAITROFF (3140). RCT will close at 1200A tomorrow. Send quartering party to FRANCAITROFF. RCT attached to XXI Corps as res.	
	1645	12			Regt quartering party left for new assembly area vicinity FRANCAITROFF.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP BETTERWILLER
Date: 13 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1730		13			Lt Col Merrill, Div Trans O, called. IP and closing time are definite. Moving time may be any time to conform to closing in time.	
	1745	14			Lt Col Gillette notified Maj Young, G-3, that H-Hour would be 0330A.	
	1755	15			Lt Col Gillette notified S-4 to have kitchens serve hot coffee before leaving and prepare sandwiches for trip. Serve hot meal upon arrival in new area. Kitchens will move with Bns.	
	1805	16			Maj Puck, Div PM, given order of march. Div will have MP details at IP and along route.	
1908		17			Maj Newell phoned and states he has given Col Lynch the information on 142 RCT move.	
1940		18			Capt Hunley checked with Div PM on use of lights. Details later.	
1950		19			Div G-3 section reports 753 Tk Bn at MACKWILLER states enemy planes over that area and flares and parachutes believed dropped.	
2115		20			Div PM phoned and RCT will move blackout. Co B 753 Tk Bn given permission to take route from BERG to SARRE UNION and join march column there.	
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FROM: 140000A Jan. 1945
TO : 142400A Jan. 1945
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP MAXSTADT.
Date: 14 Jan. 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0230		1			Regt CP moved to vicinity FRANCAITROFF.	
0630		2			CP opened in MAXSTADT	
0630		3			2nd Bn closed in town of LANING.	
0730		4			3rd Bn closed in town of FREMESTROFF.	
0800		5			1st Bn closed in town of BIDDING.	
0915		6			Col Lynch arrived at CP.	
	0920	7			Col Lynch instructed Lt Col Gillette to notify 3rd Bn to move to ST JEAN ROHRBACH and take over Hq and communications of Bn 409th Inf now there. 142 CP will be in CAPPEL. Capt Hunley to go to 2nd Bn and have them move without delay to CAPPEL. Mark on route. 1st Bn to move to town of MERLEBACH. Serv Co will take over from 409th Inf. Separate Cos remain where they are except AT Co to take over AT plans and tank and TDS will be broken down to Bns.	
	0930	8			Col Lynch left for 1st Bn then 409th Inf CP. Lt Col Gillette left for 3rd Bn. Capt Hunley left for 2nd Bn.	
1015		9			Lt Col Gillette and Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
	1100	10			Regt CP moved to CAPPEL. Opened at 1115A.	
1115		11			Regt CP opened in CAPPEL.	
1125		12			Col Lynch arrived at Regt CP.	
1340		13			Maj Gen Melbourne, CG XXI Corps, visited CP.	
	1350	14			Maj Gen Melbourne left CP.	

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FROM: 140000A Jan. 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 142400A Jan. 1945

Place: CP CAPPEL

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 14 Jan. 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1440	15			Col Lynch left CP.	
	1445	16			S-3, Capt Hunley, left CP.	
1500		17			Capt Hunley returned.	
1505		18			Capt Bennett, 1st Bn, wants to know locations of 132 FA and also if they will be able to fire in 1st Bn sector.	
1605		19			Col Lynch returned.	
1625		20			Gen Stack visited Regt CP.	
	1638	21			Gen Stack left CP.	
1800		22			G-2, 103 Div, called. Mortar received at 349648 from hill N of OETIG (4063). Civilian reports that a German patrol goes to factory at 376651 every morning at 0800, remains for an hour, and then leaves. Also received confirmation of minefield at 386464.	
1805		23			Phone in to 753 Tk Bn. Can be reached through FATIMA rear.	
	1935	24			S-3 notified AT Co to keep trucks centralized - they may be needed.	
1955		25			G-2, 103 Div, said enemy traffic had increased slightly and could indicate a possible enemy plan to attack.	
	2000	26			S-2 left for 2nd Bn. Returned at 2100A.	

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GP CAPPEL
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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS:

Maps: FRANCE 1:50,000, Sheets XXXV 12, 13, 14 and XXXVI 12, 13

1. RCT 142 from present assy areas prepares to:

- a. Counter attack in sector 103 Inf Div under comd CG, 103d Inf Div, and in sector TP HERREN (reinf) under comd CG TP HERREN when latter assumes comd.
- b. Counter attack in sector 106th Cav Gp to restore position and protect Corps' left flank.
- c. Occupy and hold defensive lines AA, BB, and "new" MLR.
- d. For unit sectors, defensive lines AA, BB, and "new" MLR - see overlay, annex # 1.

2. a. 1st Bn:

- (1) Remains mobile res in present area.
- (2) Continues rcn as already orally directed.

b. 2nd Bn:

- (1) Without delay initiates rcn by Bn Staff and one (1) officer per Co to:
 - (a) Find routes of approach to defensive lines AA, BB, and "new" MLR.
 - (b) Be prepared to occupy and hold left half of defensive line AA.
 - (c) Be prepared to occupy and hold left half of defensive line BB.
 - (d) Be prepared to occupy and hold left half of "new" MLR.
- (2) Rcن to include plans for Co boundaries, Co and Plac defense areas, and locations of weapons.

c. 3rd Bn:

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- (1) Without delay, initiate the following staff and one (1) officer per Co to:
- (a) Find routes of approach to defensive lines AA, BB, and "new" MTR.
 - (b) Be prepared to occupy and hold right half of defensive line AA.
 - (c) Be prepared to occupy and hold right half of defensive line BB.
 - (d) Be prepared to occupy and hold right half of "new" MTR.

- (2) Ren to include plans for Co boundaries, Co and Plat defense areas, and location of weapons.

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- 1 - AT Co
- 1 - Cn Co
- 1 - 132 FA Bn
- 1 - 753 Tk Bn Co B
- 1 - 636 TD Bn Co A
- 1 - Co B 111 Bn

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FROM: 150000A Jan. 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 152400A Jan. 1945

Place: CP CAPPEL

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 15 Jan. 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0945	1			Col Lynch left CP with CO AT Co to check AT defenses.	
1110		2			Maj Young, Div G-3, arrived at CP.	
1155		3			Col Lynch called from 103 Div Arty. Will return after lunch.	
	1305	4			Capt Hunley left for reconnaissance of AA, BB lines.	
1315		5			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1320		6			S-3 2nd Bn reports bridge # 43 in our area not mined. Requests information.	
	1350	7			Lt Col Gillette left for S-4 and 1st Bn.	
	1400	8			Capt Sullivan left for 103 Div CP.	
1500		9			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
1550		10			Capt Sullivan returned to CP.	
1555		11			Lt Col Gillette returned to CP.	
1625		12			Col Lloyd, C/S, 103 Div, phoned Col Lynch and requested one Bn be on 2 hour alert while 411th Inf was being relieved. Trucks to move Bn to be alerted.	
	1805	13			S-4 notified to keep 15 trucks on alert to move Bn that is on 2 hour alert.	
	1810	14			S-3 3rd Bn notified Bn is on 2 hour alert.	
2025		15			103 Div Arty reports an unestimated number of enemy tanks and vehicles ere heard in CETING (4063 GS). At 1930A were coming closer. Now being taken under fire.	

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FROM: 160000A Jan 1945

142 Inf

TO : 162400A Jan 1945

Organization: _____

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Place: _____

CP CAPPEL

Date: _____

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1020		1			G-3 103 Div states 410 Inf relieved at 2255A last night. Sector generally quiet.																																																							
	1030	2			Col Lynch issued instructions for CO of Tk and TD Cos to make route recon for armor counterattacks up as far as Bn CPs of 103 Div.																																																							
	1035	3			CO 753 Tk Co notified to make above recon.																																																							
	1040	4			CO Co A 636 TD Bn notified to make reconnaissance as ordered by CO 142 RCT.																																																							
1235		5			CG 70th Div and Col Lloyd, C/S of 103 Div, visited CP. Left CP at 1240A.																																																							
	1325	6			Capt Sullivan left for 1st Bn CP.																																																							
	1325	7			Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn and 1st Bn.																																																							
1335		8			2nd Bn reports that on following bridges there in addition to our Inf and Engrs three or more Engrs from 70th Div Engrs:																																																							
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FROM: 160000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 162400A Jan 1945

Place: CP CAPPEL

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 16 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
		8	(Cont'd)		Checked with G-3 103 Div requesting status of 142 Inf men on these posts and received following ruling: "Where there are three or more Engrs on these bridges 142 Inf and 111 Engrs are unnecessary."	
	1510	9			Lt Col Gillette left for S-1 and 3rd Bn.	
1515		10			Capt Lowery reports planes dropped two bombs between 1st Bn CP and factory. Approximately six planes were overhead.	
1515		11			Col Buck, XXI Corps, called and asked what attachments we had with us.	
	1615	12			Bridge # 43 reported to Engrs as not prepared for demolitions.	
1630		13			Col Lynch returned.	

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Hq 142 RCT
GP CAPPEL
161700A Jan '45

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PO # 36 (For Planning Purposes)

Maps: FRANCE 1:25,000, Sheets XXXVII 5,6,7,8

1. a. See current Intelligence Summaries.

b. (1) 36th Inf Div attacks on H-Hour D-Day to secure obj line indicated on overlay; protects Corps' right flank; maintains contact with 100th Div on left and VI Corps on right.

(2) RCT 143 or RCT 141 atks in left zone of action; secures successive objs x, y, z; blocks enemy approaches from N and E; organizes final obj line in sector for defense to N and NW; protects Div left flank; maintains contact with 100th Inf Div on left, and 142 RCT on right.

(3) VI Corps is prepared to atk in conjunction with XV Corps on Army order to seize remainder of Maginot Line in Corps' sector.

2. a. RCT 142 - Atchd:

Co A 636 TD Bn
One (1) Plat Co B 111 Engr (C) Bn
Co B 753 Tk Bn (M)
Co B 111 Med Bn
36th Cav Ren Tr

(1) Atks on H-Hour D-Day in right zone of action; secures designated obj; organizes final obj line in sector for defense to N and NE; protects Corps right flank; maintains contact with 141 RCT or 143 RCT on left and VI Corps on right.

(a) For objs, boundaries, routes of adv, and assy areas - see overlay, annex # 1.

3. a. 3rd Bn (Atchd: One (1) Plat Co A 636 TD Bn)

(1) Atks H-Hour D-Day and:

(a) Seizes obj # 3A moving in two columns, re-organizes and seizes obj 3B, establishes and maintains roadblock # 1 until relieved by 36 Ren Tr.

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- (b) Upon completion of above missions, becomes Regt res, prepares on order this Hq to follow MOUTERHOUSE - EUELSHARDT road, and if res status is not changed, takes res pos between STOCKBROWN (Q-818475), EUELSHARDT (Q-821468), and maintains roadblock # 3 with one Inf Co and one Plat Co A 836 TD Bn.

b. 2nd Bn - Atchd:

Co B (less 1 Plat) 753 Tk Bn
One (1) Plat Co B 111 Engr Bn

(1) Atka H-Hour D-Day and:

- (a) Seizes obj # 2A and 2B, moving in two columns, reorganizes, moves along axis indicated and seizes obj # 2C.
(b) Holding obj 2C with one (1) Co (reinf) until obj 1C is taken by 1st Bn, seizes obj 2D, 2E, and 2F.
(c) Organizes obj 2F for defense with principal dir of defense from N to SE.

c. 1st Bn - Atchd:

One (1) Plat Co B 753 Tk Bn

- (1) Assembles initially at MEISENTHAL (Q-718408).
(2) Moves on order this Hq to SARRHEINSBERG, remains in Regt res.
(3) Moves on order this Hq to seize obj 1A and 1B, secures crossings of stream or reservoir via CHAPELLE (Q-787434) and W of MOUTERHOUSE (Q-793428).
(4) Seizes obj 1C, thereafter moves in two columns, as indicated, seizes obj 1D, 1E, 1F.
(5) Organizes obj (1F) for defense with principle dir of def NW to E, establishes RR block at R.

d. 132 FA Bn - Reinf by:

155 FA Bn
131 or 133 FA Bn
Co A 836 TD Bn
Cn Co 142 Inf.

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- (1) In general sup of the Regt. See Wire Plan and System of Check Points.

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a. Cn Co:

- (1) Reinf fires of 132 FA Bn.
- (2) FOS with each Inf Bn.

f. 36th Ren Trp:

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- (1) From initial positions in LEMBERG (Q-7445) moves along MOUTERHOUSE road, atks by fire enemy encountered along road and N of road.
- (2) Advances as enemy withdraws, clears road of obstacles, secures N flank of Regt by establishing successively roadblocks # 1 and 2. (One Plat Co A 636 TD Bn will be atchd for roadblock # 2).
- (3) Contacts Inf Regt on N flank from roadblock positions.
- (4) Reconnoiters to PETERPHILLIPPE (Q-786454) from roadblock # 2.
- (5) Assembles on order this Hq at roadblock # 2.

g. AT Co 142 Inf:

- (1) Establishes roadblocks # 4, 5, 6, 7 successively on order this Hq, utilizing one (1) gun plat, remainder of Co as security.
- (2) Contacts elements 45th Div on S flank from each roadblock.

h. Co A 636 TD Bn:

- (1) Assembles initially at ST LOUIS, atchs one (1) Plat to 3rd Bn 142 Inf.
- (2) Co (less 1 Plat) initially reinforces fires of 132 FA Bn from pos designated by CO 132 FA Bn.
- (3) On order this Hq moves on axis MOUTERHOUSE - EQUALS-HARDT prepared to assume tank destroyer role.

i. Co B 753 Tk Bn:

- (1) Assembles initially at ST LOUIS, atchs one (1) Plat to 3rd Bn 142 Inf, and Co (less 1 Plat) to 2nd Bn.

j. One (1) Plat Co B 111 Engr Bn:

- (1) Assembles initially at SARREINSBERG. CO reports to CO 2nd Bn 142 Inf.

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- (2) Makes arrangements to have two (2) vehicular bridges available, with two more on call.
- (3) Has available 12 rcn boats (rubber) and one (1) tank doper.
- x. (1) All troops assemble initially as indicated on overlay.
- (2) COs of atchd units report to COs of units to which atchd immediately upon arrival in assy area.
- 4. Adm details. SOP
 - a. Nations and ammo. SOP
 - b. Ref. To SARREINSBERG.
 - c. Evacuation. To SARREINSBERG.
- 5. a. Current SOT in effect.
- b. (1) Bns report CPA.
- (2) Regt CP initially at ST LOUIS (Q-723432).
- c. (1) Bns will report situation hourly.

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FROM: 170000 A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 172400A Jan 1945

Place: CP CAPPEL

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 17 Jan 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1000	1			Col Lynch left for XXI Corps Hq.	
1020		2			Col Jark, 63 Div Arty, visited CP.	
1130		3			Capt Orcutt, G-3 section, visited CP.	
1145		4			Col Leper, 7th Army IG, visited CP.	
1330		5			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
	1400	6			Col Lynch left for HERBSHEIM.	
	1430	7			Capt Orcutt left for Div CP.	
1500		8			Advance party of 274 Inf arrived at CP to make preparations for relieving 142 RCT.	
1645		9			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
	1830	10			Capt Hunley checked with CO Co B 111 Engr on number of Engr men on bridge guards. Total of 23 men and Co B will send a 2 1/2 ton truck to 2nd Bn tomorrow to pick up detail as they are relieved by 274 Inf.	
1845		11			Col Frank, G-3 XXI Corps, phoned stating 142 RCT would probably move as scheduled, but 274th Inf would be late in arriving. A copy of phone conversation between CG XXI Corps and TF HERRIN CG will arrive by messenger.	
1950		12			70th Div G-3 stated 3rd Bn 142 RCT now released from 2 hour alert. Possible that 142 Inf will remain 12 to 24 hours. If we are released will be relieved by elements of 10th Armd Div.	
	2000	13			S-3 3rd Bn notified that Bn is now released from alert.	
	2005	14			S-4 notified of above and instructed not to move tomorrow morning. Ration trucks will leave for rations	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP CAPPEL
Date: 17 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
2010		14			Ass't S-3 274 Inf came to CP for information on relief of 142 RCT.	
2130		15			XXI Corps G-3 phoned and states 142 RCT alerted for motor movement tomorrow morning by 7th Army. Further details later.	
2250		16			XXI Corps G-3 phoned and states 142 RCT will move within two hours. Trucks will be furnished. No time set.	
	2305	17			S-3 1st Bn notified to have Bn alerted and prepared to move on short notice. Regt has been alerted to move within two hours.	
2310		18			G-3 XXI Corps phoned and states trucks will report at 0700AM. Trucks will report to BIDDING. Elements of 70th Div will relieve 142 RCT bridge guards as soon as possible. Traffic control at Corps will hold route clear for movement. Maj Watson of TCS #1 will phone and give details of destination, route, number of trucks, etc. 75 Trucks will report to BIDDING at 0700A. Route: Any road to HELLEMER, then S at RJ D37 - FRANCASTRAFF, FENESTRANGE, PHALSBOURG, SAVERNE. Guides will pick up column at SAVERNE. Notify TCS at Corps of time cross IP. Number of march units and number of serials. Each Bn will get 17 trucks, Hq 3, and Serv Co 26.	
	2310	19			2nd Bn will get 17 trucks, also 1st and 3rd.	
	2310	20			2nd Bn notified to be ready to move at 0700A.	
2400		21			Corps TCS phoned and trucks will be at BIDDING at 0700A. 142 RCT to cross IP at HELLEMER at 0900A and clear at 1230A.	

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TO : 182400A Jan 1945
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP CAPPEL
Date: 18 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0040	0040	1			Bns and separate Cos and attached units notified of alert and be prepared to move by 0700A. Quartering party at Regt CP at 0800A. IP and time to cross later.	
0055		2			Corps TCS phoned and states schedule set up one hour. Trucks will report at 0800A.	
	0155	3			All units notified IP at 340450, given times to cross and route of march.	
0210		4			Capt Hunley arranged with G-3 70th Div for relief of bridge guards to be completed by 0930A and Inf to be picked up by 70th Div Engr trucks and delivered to Co areas by 0930A. Engr guards will be taken care of by this Hq.	
	0830	5			Quartering party left for HAGENAU.	
0850		6			Maj Newell, G-3 section, phoned and states Gen Dahlquist requests Col Lynch meet him at 36 Div Adv CP in HAGENAU. Col Lynch to proceed 142 RCT column.	
	0915	7			Col Lynch informed TF HERREN G-2 that he was leaving for new CP.	
	0916	8			Col Lynch left for new CP.	
	0930	9			Regt CP moved to HAGENAU.	
1150		10			Corps TCS stopped column in SAVERNE and notified S-3 destination changed from HAGENAU to DURSTEL. Column turned and route was PHALSBOURG - DURLINGEN - DURSTEL. Tanks, TDs, Engrs, Serv and Hq Co turned at RAUWILLER by Corps MPs and directed to DURSTEL.	
1700		11			142 RCT closed in DURSTEL - BETTWILLER area prepared to make further movement to HAGENAU after darkness.	

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IN	OUT					
	1730	12			Col Lynch left for HAGENAU to contact CG 36 Div.	
1900		13			1st unit of RCT crossed IP at PETERSBACH enroute to HAGENAU.	
2115		14			Col Lynch arrived at new CP in HAGENAU.	
2145		15			Regt CP opened in HAGENAU.	
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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP HAGENAU
Date: 19 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0145		1			142 RCT closed in HAGENAU.	
	0150	2			G-3 36 Div notified of time RCT closed in area.	
	0830	3			Col Lynch left for Div CP.	
	0920	4			Capt Hunley left for Tk and TD assembly areas in HAGENAU.	
0930		5			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
0945		6			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
	0955	7			Col Lynch and Capt Hunley left to make a route reconnaissance for counter attack.	
	1000	8			Lt Col Gillette left for 3rd Bn and tank Co.	
1015		9			Lt Col Gillette returned to CP.	
1200		10			G-3 called and reports that there is a change in plans and to get in contact with Col Lynch.	
	1201	11			Col Gillette sent Capt Sullivan, S-2, to locate Col Lynch.	
1202		12			G-4 phoned and requested number of trucks needed to move RCT. Lt Col Gillette told him a minimum of 55. G-4 requested status of army trucks now held by S-4 142 RCT.	
1205		13			G-3 phoned and told Lt Col Gillette to assemble troops in area ready to move this afternoon or to night. Move is tactical and may be within three hours. If Col Lynch is not contacted within next half hour Lt Col Gillette to report to Div CP.	
	1210	14			Lt Col Gillette alerted all units for possible move this afternoon or evening.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
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IN	OUT					
1230		15			Capt Hunley returned to CP. Col Lynch continued to Div CP.	
1400		16			Col Lynch called and gave the following information: Bn COs to stand by at their CPs and also have the Cos of Tks and Tds go to the nearest Bn CP and stand by. All Bns notified.	
1430		17			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1435	1435	18			1st Bn Exec O, 2nd Bn Exec O, and 3rd Bn CO notified to report to Regt CP immediately. CO will issue orders.	
1445		19			CO 1st Bn reported to CP. Also Capt Lowery.	
1447		20			CO 3rd Bn reported to CP.	
1455		22			CO held meeting with unit COs.	
1510		22			G-3 called. One Bn alerted (2 hour alert) to be prepared to move to area of DRUESENHEIM. To be ready to go on call. G-4 wants to know how many trucks we will need as Bn alerted is to be mobile. Our 1st Bn alerted.	
	1540	23			Lt Col Gillette talked to CO 2nd Bn. Lt Childers, Co H, will be on DS to Div for two weeks to ack as liaison from Div to Corps. He will report immediately to Div G-3.	
1550		24			G-4 phoned and states an officer sent to 001195 can pick up 15 2½ ton trucks at 1630A.	
	1600	25			CO notified S-4 to send representative to pick up 15 trucks at town at 001195. Will be ready at 1630A. Trucks to be used for 1st Bn alert.	

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Organization:

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1605		26			Col Lynch, G-4, states DAO would like to have report on ammunition on hand. Some ammo now available and to be drawn. Mortar ammunition to last two to three days. Mortar: 1500 rounds HE 60mm and 1000 rounds Lt 81mm. Hand grenades; rockets. S-4 notified.	
1610		27			G-4 phoned and 15 cab-over-engine trucks to be held. 17 2½ ton trucks from Army now held over from previous move to be returned upon completion of this move. Approximately 1830A.	
	1620	28			2nd Bn given message for 7th Army trucks to be returned upon completion of present move.	
1635		29			Capt Seeman, Div Staff, reports message from Corps states 10 trucks and one self-propelled broke through 12th Armd positions at 089119 and heading west. Type unknown, but possibility of being M4s. 714th TD Bn moving to engage the enemy tanks.	
	1640	30			2nd Bn Exec officer notified of above.	
1655		31			G-3 reports that at 1630A 143 Inf sighted 20 enemy tanks with 15 to 20 infantry heading west on road from HERRLISHEIM at 120144.	
1655		32			CO Co B 111 Med Bn wants Bns notified that his Co will be in WEITERUCH tonight.	
	1705	33			S-3 left for 2nd Bn and AT Co.	
1710		34			Maj Wren, G-2, called. CO 143 Inf has reported that there is considerable confusion now in WEYERSHEIM. Units trying to pull out are blocking roads so that TDs cannot get through.	
1720		35			Capt Hunley returned.	
	1745	36			Col Lynch and S-3 left for new CP in GRIES.	

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1800		37			Col Lynch and S-3 arrived at Regt CP in GRIES.	
1815		38			G-3 phoned and states it is the Gens request that 1st Bn set up perimeter defense in BISCHWILLER.	
1900		39			Gen Dahlquist phoned and requests 2nd Bn change assembly area to KURTZHAUSEN.	
2010		40			Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch and ordered 2nd Bn to move to KURTZENHAUSEN. Troops may have to give up town of DRUSENHEIM, but BISCHWILLER to be held at all costs.	
	2020	41			Col Lynch phoned CO 2nd Bn and ordered him to move Bn to KURTZENHEIM and set defense from E edge of town SW to N edge of WEYERSHEIM and then W to GEUDERTHEIM inclusive. Switch position to be E edge of KURTSHAUSEN W to road junction 156, then SW to GEUDERTHEIM. AT defenses in hasty positions in patches of woods SE of town with direction of fire to E and S.	
	2030	42			Col Lynch talked to CO 1st Bn and gave him instructions for defense of BISCHWILLER. Current situation given also.	
2045		43			Lt Evans, AT Co, reported in to Regt CP and gave locations of AT Co platoon in SE edge of BISCHWILLER. Col Lynch ordered the platoon attached to 1st Bn.	
2120		44			Capt Sorenson, CO Co B 753 Tk Bn, came to CP and discussed plans for roadblocks with CO. RBs south and SW of BISCHWILLER.	
2130		45			Lt Col Gillette arrived at new CP.	
2200		46			Received Div OI dated 191600A Jan 1945.	
	2215	47			Capt Hunley left for 1st Bn CP at BISCHWILLER with the below information.	

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
2230		48			Gen Dahlquist reports that the situation up north is critical. Gave the following attack order: To have 1st Bn prepared to attack toward ROHRWILLER and DRUSENHEIM, the mission to restore the line between ROHRWILLER and SCHINRHOFEN. Also to move 3rd Bn down and replace 1st Bn. In this attack one Co of tanks will be attached to 1st Bn.	
	2250	49			CO called CO 3rd Bn and gave him the latest situation and reports that if 1st Bn is called on their mission they are to move into BISCHWILLER in defensive position, to leave your AT Plat in position where they are now (GRIES).	
2320		50			Capt Fore, CO Cn Co, sent message that they are in position and ready to fire.	
2330		51			2nd Bn reports that the Bn closed in their new area at 2300A (KURTZHAUSEN).	
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FROM: 200000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 202400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 20 Jan 1945

TIME		SEP. TIME NO. DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0030		1		CO ATCo reports that he is in position as of 2230A.	
	0045	2		CO Cn Co notified to move his M-7 to AT Co position tomorrow morning at 0800A. If telephone is not in by then be at Regt CP at 0700A for instruction.	
0100		3		S-3 returned.	
	0110	4		S-3 gave G-3 situation. No activity.	
	0200	5		S-2 gave G-3 situation. No activity.	
	0300	6		S-2 gave G-3 situation. No activity.	
	0400	7		S-2 gave G-3 situation. No activity.	
	0500	8		S-2 gave G-3 situation. No activity.	
	0600	9		G-2 given situation. No activity	
	0840	10		S-2 left for 143 Inf CP in BISCHWILLER.	
	0850	11		Col Lynch talked with Lt Col Denholm, CO 143 Inf. All quiet on their front except approximately 70 Germans can be observed to front of left flank. Germans have occupied concrete emplacements east of HERRLISHEIM and there are 5" guns in them that are in good condition and are being used against our armor.	
0855		12		Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch and states he is splitting the tank companies so if 142 RCT has to attack there will be a Co available. The General requested Col Lynch to come to Div CP and get all details on situation.	
	0900	13		Col Lynch instructed I & R Plat Ldr to run contact patrols to WEMERSHEIM and BISCHWILLER. Runs should be made every 1 1/2 hour, but definite time will be set after first run.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP GRIES
Date: 20 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					

	0910	14			G-3 given situation. G-3 reports that 50 men from the Bn cut off in DRUSENHEIM escaped last night. Effort to relieve remainder to be made today.	
	0920	15			CO left for Div CP.	
1000		16			S-2 returned to CP.	
1025		17			Capt Seeman, Div, reports French CP in KILSETT observed approximately one Bn of enemy infantry moving cross country from GAMBSHEIM to WEYERSHEIM at 0920A. However, none of our troops have been able to observe this.	
1140		18			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1250		19			Gen Stack phoned Col Lynch and ordered 1st Bn alerted to counterattack and restore positions if enemy breaks through 314 Inf. 3rd Bn alerted to move to BISCHWILLER immediately upon committing 1st Bn.	
	1310	20			Col Lynch called CO 1st Bn and gave him Gen Stack's instructions.	
	1330	21			CO 2nd Bn ordered to hold line 067158 to 048140 where contact will be made with 3rd Bn 143 Inf who have mission of defending town of WEYERSHEIM. In event of threat from south, Bn to hold GEUDERTHEIM east to 045131 where contact will be made with 3rd Bn 143 Inf. 1st Bn to defend BISCHWILLER.	
	1345	22			Capt Hunley left for 3rd Bn CP.	
1350		23			Maj Young, Div G-3, phoned and states 3rd Bn to begin moving to BISCHWILLER immediately. Gen Dahlquist requests Col Lynch report to Div CP as soon as possible. 3rd Bn mission to defend BISCHWILLER.	

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Date: 20 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1400	24			Col Lynch left for Div CP.	
1405		25			CO 1st Bn reports Bn CP at BISCHWILLER observed one enemy tank and some infantry moving NW from vicinity 1015.	
1410		26			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
1510		27			MaJ Clark, 155 FA, arrived at CP.	
1655		28			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
	1705	29			Col Lynch phoned Gen Dahlquist and discussed plans of withdrawal which is to begin at 2300A.	
1720		30			CO 3rd Bn phoned Col Lynch and discussed defensive positions. Six 4-man outposts to be in front of Bn positions. One outpost in buildings at 099188. One outpost in factory building at 099184. Platoon strongpoint in buildings 096185 and platoon at 090174. Six TDs will support the Bn. CO of Co A 636 TD Bn will report tonight. 143 Inf will start main body along road to cross to north of town at 1100A. Covering force will follow main road also. Outpost at 099184 to be at night. Bridge at 096187 our responsibility. If not prepared for demolition notify this Hq and our Engrs will prepare it. The bridge to be blown only on orders of this Hq. Co I, K, and L are in position, Bn reserve located vicinity 095186.	
1750		31			Div Chief of Staff phoned and requests 142 Inf establish wire communications direct to 143 Inf as the Gen will spend the night there.	
1815		32			3rd Bn AT Plat in position 056150 reports Armd vehicles approximately 700 to 1000 yds to front. Requests information as to friendly or not.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP GRIES
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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1840		33			CO 3rd Bn phoned and bridge at 095187 is prepared for demolition. Two Engrs are posted as guards.	
1850		34			G-3 phoned and Gen wants 1st Bn alerted to counter-attack in direction of ROHRWILLER. Considerable foot movement and some tracked movement in woods between ROHRWILLER and DRUSENHEIM. Bn not to move except on order of CG.	
1855		35			CO 3rd Bn phoned. Plat positions reported at 098176 not satisfactory so platoon went into position at 094176. Two 50 Cal MGs command road SE to ROHRWILLER and one 50 on road to NE.	
	1925	36			Col Lynch called CO 1st Bn. The Gen is concerned that the Germans might make a night attack on ROHRWILLER from woods to the north to cut off elements there attempting to withdraw. In case this happens 1st Bn is to counterattack due west from BISCHWILLER and will be on alert for movement out 30 minutes after notice. Col Lynch warned CO 1st Bn that attack should avoid ROHRWILLER and strike above it into wooded area. Friendly units withdrawing will be warned to confine offensive action to S and E only except for hand grenades. Possibility of the counterattack should be over by 2300A tonight. Co B now moving to new positions. Cos A and C closed.	
2020		37			AT gun Plat reports enemy SP fire falling vicinity 058158 from direction SE.	
	2025	38			G-3 given situation. Div CP now open in BRUMATH.	
2030		39			Gen Dahlquist visited CP.	
	2055	40			S-3 left for 2nd Bn CP.	
2100		41			Lt Col Denholm, CO 143 Inf, reports everything quiet except Bn vicinity 0815 got heavy Arty shelling but believe slight damage.	

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IN	OUT					
	2105	42			Col Lynch checked with 133 FA Bn on Arty for support of 142 Inf tomorrow. 404 Armd Bn will support 133 FA.	
2110		43			CO 3rd Bn phoned to check on restriction of registering fires E of BISCHWILLER tomorrow. S-2 granted permission.	
	2140	44			Gen Dahlquist left for 143 CP.	
	2140	45			G-3 given situation.	
	2145	46			S-2 notified S-3 3rd Bn that Col Lynch requested no fires until after 0730A and not then unless after checking with this Hq.	
2150		47			G-2 phoned and states two men from Co B 411 Inf, while sleeping in foxholes, were attacked by two enemy who stripped them to underwear and blindfolded them saying "if move will shoot you". The two enemy were dressed in American uniforms and two other enemy stepped up and put on their clothing, then the four proceeded to NE. Dog tags were also taken. Names were JORDAN and GARRARBI. 3rd Bn CP 087184.	
	2155	48			Lt Col Gillette notified S-4 to send 3rd Bn an additional basic load of all types of ammo tonight. 3rd Bn has ordered 1000 rounds of 60mm mortar.	
2155		49			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
	2200	50			Lt Col Gillette notified 3rd Bn 3-4 that the extra basic load of ammo would be drawn tonight. Two basic loads will be on position tonight.	
	2225	51			Col Lynch phoned CO 1st Bn. Bn is now off alert and merely in reserve status.	
2235		52			CO 3rd Bn reports six rounds 75 Cal fell 092184.	

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Hq 142 RCT
CP GRIES (0617)
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1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. 148 Inf - continues to hold positions from ROHRWILLER west to GEUDERTHEIM.
 - b. 132 FA Bn - general support of RCT.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Colder with snow. Visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT moved from assembly in HAGENAU to BISCHWILLER, GRIES and KURTZENHAUSEN, prepared to counterattack and restore positions lost on event of enemy breakthrough.
 - b. 1st Bn - BISCHWILLER
2nd Bn - KURTZENHAUSEN
3rd Bn - GRIES
Regt'l CP - GRIES
Cn Co - WEITERUCH
AT Co - WEITBRUCH
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:
 - a. RCT in position to occupy secondary line of defense from BISCHWILLER - WEYERSHIEM to GEUDERTHEIM and to counter-attack in 143 Inf sector.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

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JOURNAL

FROM: 210000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 212400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 21 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0400		1			S-4 called. Is waiting on two trucks to move remainder of installations. Probably be two hours. All is quiet.	
0420		2			3rd Bn reports approximately 10 rounds of SP 88 fire landed in vicinity of Co M. Fire came from south at 0415A.	
0440		3			3rd Bn AT Plat reports above SP fire came from their left front.	
	0600	4			G-3 given situation.	
	0715	5			Capt Hunley phoned 143 Inf for situation and details on withdrawal. Everything very well except enemy infiltrated 2nd Bn positions at approximately 084157. Situation rather vague.	
0730		6			S-3 3rd Bn states all quiet except a few occasional rounds of artillery. Elements of 314 Inf withdrew through Co K positions. Cos I and L have not reported any withdrawal. Engr Ln 0 to blow bridge on NE side of town did not report.	
	0735	7			Capt Hunley phoned S-3 143 Inf for permission to fire defensive fires E of BISCHWILLER. Permission granted.	
	0740	8			Capt Hunley phoned S-3 3rd Bn and gave him the above information. Col Lynch orders main road from ROHRWILLER blocked with physical block and mines.	
0750		9			S-3 3rd Bn gave following dispositions: Co L 090172 to 093173, Plat 094176, Plat 090180; Co K 099184, 096188, 095185; Co I 091183. Contact point with 143 Inf at 089171 and contact point on left at 095189. Contact on left to be made every hour during darkness. Schedules of contact with 143 Inf to be arranged. Three TDs at factory and three TDs in HANHOFFEN.	

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FROM: 210000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 212400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

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Date: 21 Jan 1945

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IN	OUT					
	0755	10			S-3 talked to CO 111 Engr Bn and Engr officer will report to this CP for instructions pertaining to blocks for 3rd Bn.	
0800		11			S-4 reports now set up in town of NIEDERSCHAEFFOLSHEIM. Serv Co and SO1 in HOCHFELD and ammunition section in ROTTELSHEIM.	
0820		12			Col Lynch talked to CO 3rd Bn on present situation. Col Lynch ordered 2/3 of men out of houses at night and 1/3 during daylight. Road to be blocked by MG and SA and mines. Will try to get permission to blow bridge today. Bn AT guns to replace 1st Bn AT guns.	
	0830	13			Capt Hunley notified S-3 1st Bn that 3rd Bn AT guns would replace 1st Bn AT guns. 1st Bn guns to pull back to Bn area.	
	0845	14			Col Lynch phoned Div Air officer and requested air missions in our Div sector today to destroy enemy columns moving forward.	
	0915	15			Col Lynch phoned CO 132 FA Bn and requested two cub planes stay up over area to pick up any enemy movement west from RHINE river.	
	0925	16			Col Lynch talked to Gen Dahlquist and received permission to blow bridge NE edge of BISCHWILLER. If it is Bailey bridge, remove it. Gen states plans are being made for 142 Inf to relieve 143 Inf. Part of Rcn Trps will be attached and sector will extend to HORDT.	
0925		17			Maj Young, Div, phoned in regards to contact point with 79th Div.	
	0935	18			Col Lynch phoned Gen Dahlquist and plans will have to be made to meet Corps boundary point at south edge of OBERHOFFEN. Will call back with further details.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP GRIES
Date: 21 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0945	19			Col Lynch sent Capt Sullivan, S-2, to 143 Inf to obtain overlay of dispositions, including platoon positions.	
	0950	20			Col Lynch called 3rd Bn. Ordered to move the platoon at 090180 to approximately 090176 so as to be nearer rest of Co.	
	1000	21			Col Lynch instructed S-3 to have CO of I & R Plat establish two OPs in BISCHWILLER - so located enabling observation to SE and NE, also east.	
1010		22			CG 36 Div called. Said limits and boundaries are as Corps specified.	
1025		23			S-3 1st Bn reports three men from Co E 143 Inf now at his CP. There was a light MG section and squad of infantry in woods 072147 and enemy Inf forced them out and now have woods.	
	1025	24			I & R Plat leader given instructions to establish OPs vicinity BISCHWILLER.	
	1030	25			Col Lynch phoned Exec O 3rd Bn and ordered our N boundary from 098195 to 091194. Co K to put reserve platoon in line at 094191. CO 142 Inf will contact CO 314 Inf to set contact point by patrol at night vicinity RJ 096194. CO 3rd Bn to establish outposts at night vicinity 098194 to observe NE and E. Means of crossing stream to be provided by Bn. Bridges will be blown at 096187 soon. CO 142 Inf now has orders from CG to blow it.	
1115		26			CO 3rd Bn phoned and states at 093174 there are four white AT guns and approximately 150 AT mines. Requests information.	
1115		27			Maj Newell, G-3 section, phoned and 142 RCT to relieve 143 Inf on position at 2000A and be completed at 2400A. 753 Tk Bn, less Co A, will be attached.	

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FROM: 210000A Jan 1945 Organization: 142 Inf
TO : 212400A Jan 1945 Place: CP GRIES
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IN	OUT					
1130		28			Div phoned and 1st Bn 142 RCT now off alert.	
	1135	29			132 FA Bn given points 100185, 085153 and 062122. Arty not to fire west of this line.	
	1140	30			Col Lynch phoned 314 Inf and checked on situation. 314 Inf now have everything on west side of bridge. Col Lynch stated bridge will be blown within next hour. Will notify 314th of exact time.	
1145		31			CO 3rd Bn states making contact with AT Plat 143 Inf approximately 100 Inf and some of the captured enemy tanks are moving west from HERRISHEIM toward 094143.	
	1150	32			Capt Hunley left for 2nd Bn CP.	
1155		33			2nd Bn S-3 reports Arty observer with Co E observed a large number of enemy infantry moving north from vicinity 087124. Put 60 rounds of Arty on them, they dispersed then moved on.	
1230		34			G-3 phoned and states enemy tanks (12), with infantry, moving toward WEYERSHEIM. Also 15 enemy tanks followed by half tracks with infantry moving from HERRISHEIM toward 083153. 143 Inf not bringing Arty on enemy. A Bn of infantry from 142 RCT will probably be alerted to counterattack.	
1240		35			Col Davis of 314 Inf phoned Col Lynch regarding contact points between 3rd Bn 314 Inf and 3rd Bn 142 RCT. Requested that point be left as decided upon by Div Comdrs as ground where Corps designated is undefendable.	
1245		36			Capt Hunley returned to CP.	
	1245	37			Col Lynch ordered 2nd Bn to be alerted to move on one hour or less notice, to counterattack vicinity 083153.	

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FROM: 210000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 212400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1250	38			Col Lynch phoned Div and Gen Stack states Bn of 142 Inf not to be used on counterattack except as last resort. Will notify this Hq if Bn will be attached to 143 Inf upon commitment.	
1300		39			Div reports relief will not be made until situation clears.	
	1305	40			Col Lynch phoned CO 2nd Bn and Bn to issue rations and be prepared to move on 30 minutes notice.	
1315		41			CO 314 Inf phoned Col Lynch and it was agreed to tie in physically at 095190.	
	1340	42			Col Lynch phoned CO 143 Inf. Approximately 60 enemy infantry now in edge of woods along stream vicinity 082151. Enemy tanks in CO L positions SE of WEYERSHEIM. TD and Inf now working on enemy tank and infantry. Situation in 2nd Bn 143 Inf sector should be cleared in approximately one hour. French OP vicinity HOERDT reports enemy infantry on trucks passed behind woods vicinity GAMBSHEIM. Two enemy tanks have been reported destroyed SE of WEYERSHEIM and one SE of 084150.	
1400		43			Div G-4 called in regard to 15 trucks that are attached to us. Corps called and wants them to return.	
1405		44			CO 3rd Bn called and reports that they are in position at the strong point. Col Lynch ordered him to send out contact patrols to run from 1800A to 0700A on an hourly basis to 096190.	
	1415	45			Capt Hunley called Div in regards to the TDs and tanks of 143Inf. Was informed that the TD and tanks will revert to us. 2nd Bn CO notified that the TDs and tanks of 143 Inf will revert to us.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP GRIES
Date: 21 Jan 1945

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IN	OUT					
	1430	46			Col Lynch called Gen Dahlquist in regards to relief tonight. Gen states it will be affected.	
	1435	47			Col Lynch left for 143 Inf CP.	
1445		48			Col Lynch called Capt Hunley and states that a Jeep can get down to the woods, also to notify CO 1st Bn to go ahead on his reconnaissance of the positions of the 2nd Bn 143 Inf. Col Minor notified to go ahead with the details.	
1450		50			Maj Young, G-3, phoned and states 714 Tk Bn passed to control CO 142 Inf at daylight this morning. Tanks not to be employed in any defensive plans, however Bn will not be released by Div until 2000A tonight. When released will assemble in NIEDER-SCHAEFFOLSHEIM and guides will meet them there at 2030A. 753 Tk Bn (less) will be in positions picked by their CO and CO 142 Inf at 1900A. 636 TD Bn, less two Cos, will also be under command CO 142 Inf upon relief of 143 RCT.	
1515		51			Col Reese, Div, called S-2 and stated that the 143 Inf captured around 120 PWs in the patch of woods at 0815. PWs state that they are to attack to find weak spots in our lines and then the 10th Armd and 21 SS Div will attack.	
1530		52			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1540		53			S-2 143 Inf states their OP in BISCHWILLER reports seven tanks vicinity 110190 with infantry.	
	1545	54			Col Lynch notified 3rd Bn Exec Off of above. The Exec reports one enemy tank at 105175 and one tank at 102183.	
	1548	55			Col Lynch notified 714 Tk Bn of above.	

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FROM: 210000A Jan 1945

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TO : 212400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

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IN	OUT					
1600		56			CO 3rd Bn called and states order being given to blow bridge. Approximately 60 enemy in barn 094167. Arty and armor now taking enemy under fire.	
	1625	57			CO AT Co notified to move platoon now at GEUDERTHEIM and platoon vicinity 040154 to woods from 053146 to 056151 in positions vacated by 3rd Bn AT Plat vicinity 061158 to 068160. Plat will go in each area. Move to be completed as soon as possible.	
1630		58			Maj Roberts, 3rd Bn, phoned. Tanks were (10) with no infantry vicinity 127186 and artillery firing on them.	
1645		59			Gen Dahlquist visited CP.	
	1655	60			Lt Col Gillette gave Arty observer with I & R Plat permission to fire vicinity 138210. Target unknown.	
	1655	61			Gen Dahlquist left CP.	
	1705	62			Col Lynch called CO 3rd Bn in regards to bridge. Lt Col Simpson states that the bridge was blown and that it is unsatisfactory. Need at least a 250 pd block of TNT to do the job. At the present the tanks cannot get across, but it can be repaired. Col Simpson reports that 9 tanks are reported at 125184.	
	1715	63			Col Lynch called CO 2nd Bn and notified him that the Engrs are laying mines in front of his position and the 143 Inf will be covering them. Also that one Plat of AT Co is going over to 063159.	
	1720	64			Capt Hunley called 1st Bn and gave them the above information.	
1715		65			CO 3rd Bn reported: About 4 minutes ago 7 German halftracks, with infantry, observed at 138205 moving NW from DRUSENHEIM toward SCHIRRHHEIM. Putting 155 Arty on them.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 210000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 212400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1720		66			Radio reports I & R Plat reports from their OP at 089177. From this position 3000 yards at 150 there is enemy activity.	
1730		67			Div called and reports an estimate two Cos of enemy about 200 yards east of 099175. Arty being fired.	
1740		68			Maj Roberts, 3rd Bn, called and states they blew bridge this side, about 20 feet. There still is a span left in the middle.	
1750		69			S-3 3rd Bn called. 314 RCT reports 18 enemy tanks moving into OBERHOFFEN 30 minutes ago.	
1755		70			CO 3rd Bn reports tanks approaching BISCHWILLER bridge site from OBERHOFFEN. Also one enemy on east end near factory area.	
1802		71			CO 3rd Bn reports one enemy tank at BISCHWILLER bridge site, fired into Co K platoon. Five enemy tanks behind the first.	
1813		72			Co K Plat was fired on by enemy tank across river. Our tanks say they cannot see them.	
	1815	73			Col Lynch called CO 714 Tk Bn about situation. CO 714 Tk Bn going to bridge site to direct the tanks into action.	
1816		74			G-3 called. CG directs that enemy bridge in our sector is to be blown.	
	1818	75			CG was given situation by Col Lynch. Tanks are not to be relieved as long as they are needed. Bridge site to be guarded and watched tonight.	
	1825	76			Col Lynch warned CO 3rd Bn to have Co K double alert for an infantry attempt to make a bridgehead where bridge could be thrown across. Suggested trying 60mm flares at 5 minute intervals. Fire on anything that moves.	

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TO : 212400A Jan 1945

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1833		77			CO 1st Bn called. 143 Inf will not have woods cleared out tonight. A column of 100 to 150 enemy followed up and was taken under fire but some must have gotten through. Sure that enemy will reinforce tonight. Unable to cover completely by fire. 143 Inf made small attack on woods but were unable to get in. One of two tanks bogged down in marshy streambed. CO 142 Inf ordered Arty be used tonight on woods to make it costly for enemy. Attack in morning. A Co of light tanks now in big patch of woods with 143 Inf. Four of these will be left tonight as others assemble according to plan while four mediums come up with 1st Bn.	
	1847	78			S-3 notified 2nd Bn that small patch of woods was still held by enemy. Will have to watch flank.	
	1853	79			Col Lynch called S-3 143 Inf about hole in line created by enemy holding small patch of woods. Wants something to block in front of KURTZENHAUSEN. S-3 143 Inf will talk to CO 143 Inf.	
1920		80			CO 3rd Bn reports situation at bridge now quiet but believe at least one enemy tank still across stream. Flares being used. Believe now only 3 tanks approached bridge. Outposts being put out, one on left bank of stream at 194 morning. CO 142 Inf warned CO 3rd Bn to have outposts not to fire if enemy approaches. Then enemy will not be warned to deploy. CO 3rd Bn will place platoon of tanks attached with 2 to north and 2 to south to cover bridge. CO 142 Inf wants hasty minefield laid on east end of town in front of TDs where they can be covered by fire.	
1930		81			CO 143 Inf called CO 142 Inf. Co K 143 Inf working north along stream without much opposition in attempt to restore Co L positions and reestablish contact with 2nd Bn 143 Inf. Is at 074144. (Cont'd)	

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TO : 212400A Jan 1945

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IN	OUT					
		81	(Cont'd)		Arty fire will be placed on enemy held woods during night. CO 143 Inf will put a force in woods at 067156 to block enemy entrance to KURTZENHAUSEN.	
	1940	82			Col Lynch called CO 3rd Bn. Suggested using a couple bazooka teams across stream to destroy enemy tanks after things have quieted down, probably after midnight. CO 3rd Bn wants to destroy mill at 097188 using white phosphorus. Thanks infantry can cross there. CO 142 Inf approved.	
1955		83			Lt Col Denholm, CO 143 Inf, phoned Col Lynch and left flank of Co K has reached old position of Co L without opposition. 143 Inf to put one Co of 2nd Bn in position approximately 600 yds west and north of woods vicinity 073148. Enemy still holds woods but Arty will harass E edge of woods to prevent enemy from reinforcing area. If 2nd Bn and one Bn 142 Inf take over old positions 143 Inf the woods can be covered by fire.	
	2000	84			S-3 2nd Bn given the situation.	
2005		85			CO Co A 83 Cml Co came to CP and gave S-3 gun locations. A Plat of 4 guns supporting each Bn.	
2020		86			Co C 636 TD Ln O came to CP and gave S-3 gun positions.	
2030		87			155 FA to fire ten rounds per hour until 2400A in ROHRWILLER. Ammo is pozit fuse.	
	2100	88			S-3 753 Tk Bn notified to leave one platoon of light tanks with 1st Bn in woods in addition to platoon of medium moving in.	
	2105	89			S-3 talked with Exec 3rd Bn. Our tanks have blasted houses across stream near bridge site but do not think enemy tank hit. Co L reports a 15 man enemy patrol dressed in snow suits (Cont'd)	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 210000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 212400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
		89	(Cont'd)		passed 400 yds to front of left flank platoon about half hour ago.	
	2135	90			Col Lynch talked situation with G-2.	
	2145	91			S-3 talked with CO 1st Bn. All of Co A in and Co B and C should be in shortly. CO 1st Bn would like 3rd Bn to make contact on left with platoon of Co C at 085166 at east end of small woods. 3rd Bn notified to make above contact.	
2200		92			S-3 1st Bn reports relief complete. Co E, 143 Inf, attached until enemy situation clears.	
2202		93			Exec O 636 TD Bn reports bulldozer has about completed digging of TD positions in woods S of WEYERSHEIM.	
2205		94			CO 3rd Bn reports 714 Tk Bn now relieved by 753 tanks. One Plat tanks cover bridge. Two plats in reserve.	
	2245	95			Col Lynch gave situation to CG. Also plan for attacking enemy held woods tomorrow morning. At 0800 Plat of light tanks and 1st Bn MGs will open fire for ten minutes from big wood patch. Then 4.2 mortars will drop in 100 rounds of WP, hoping to burn woods and blind enemy. Then 2nd Bn force will attack from south to clear woods.	
	2200	96			G-3 notified 1st Bn relief completed.	
2225		97			CO 143 Inf called CO 142 Inf. Co E 143 Inf atchd to 1st Bn 142 Inf, to be released when situation clears as CO 1st Bn directs.	
	2245	98			TG sent to Div.	
2250		99			S-3 2nd Bn reports one platoon of Co G in position. Others moving in. Co E in reserve complete. Tank and vehicular movement reported on left flank.	

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FROM: 210000A Jan. 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 212400A Jan. 1945

Place: CP GRIES

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IN	OUT					
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						CO 2nd Bn given instructions for attack tomorrow: After preparation of 1st Bn tanks and MGs from 0800A to 0810A, 4.2 mortars of both 1st and 2nd Bns will cover area with WP for five minutes. At 0815A a 2nd Bn force of one Co, less a Plat, will attack from SW to clear woods. 2nd Bn to coordinate with 1st Bn by radio for cease fire of 1st Bn MGs.
	2315	101				CO 142 Inf checked watch time with CO 1st Bn.
2320		102				CO 2nd Bn asked to have 1st Bn stop firing flares until their relief is completed. CO 1st Bn notified and will comply.
2355		103				3rd Bn patrol contacted platoon of Co C (1st Bn) at 08401675 at 2335A.
2400		104				CO 2nd Bn requests permission to prepare for demolitions bridges at 047124 and 050125. Request Engrs do the work. Estimate 2000 lbs TNT required.

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NO. 188

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Hq 142 RCT
CP GRIES (0617)
211200A Jan '45

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1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. Elements of 143 Inf withdrew from vicinity ROHRWILLER during night. RCT now holding defense line from 084166 to HOERDT.
 - b. 314 Inf on left withdrew from area E of OBERHAFFEN during night and now holding defense line from 094190 to NW.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear and cold. Visibility good.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. 3rd Bn moved to BISCHWILLER closing at 1425A, taking up following defensive positions around town: 1 Plat Co L 090172 NE to 093173, 1 Plat 094176, Res Plat 090180.
 - b. 1 Plat Co K 099184, 1 Plat 096188, 1 Plat 094190. Co I 091183.
089171 contact point with 143 Inf.
095189 contact point with 314 Inf every hour during darkness.
 - b. 2nd Bn remained in KURTZENHAUSEN prepared to counterattack E, NE and S on short notice.
 - c. 1st Bn assembled in NW edge of BISCHWILLER as Regt reserve.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: No change.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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JOURNAL

FROM: 220000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 222400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

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Date: 22 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0005		1			Phone in to Co C 636 TD Bn.	
0010		2			Overlay of 1st Bn positions received.	
0010		3			G-3 asked about above Engr work on bridges. Bridge at 047124 already prepared. Other will be done but priority now is for minefields to front of MLR. G-3 sending Engr Ln 0 to CO 2nd Bn.	
0030		4			S-3 314th Inf reports all quiet in their sector.	
0100		5			S-3 2nd Bn reports Co G in position and Bn relief now complete. There are two or three outposts of 143 Inf protecting Engrs working to front of 1st Bn who will remain all night. Overlay of positions on way to this Hq.	
	0105	6			S-3 143 Inf notified of above.	
	0110	7			G-3 notified that relief is complete except outposts guarding Engr to front of 1st Bn.	
0120		8			3rd Bn reports all quiet on their front. 40th Engr laying hasty minefield from right flank of Co L to E.	
0140		9			S-3 1st Bn reports 8 to 10 enemy probing outposts on left flank. Were taken under MG fire and outpost fell back a little but are pushing back out to original positions. Have put up couple flares and can observe no enemy now.	
0200		10			G-3 phoned and states French in KILSTETT receiving infantry and armor attack since 2200A. Enemy has penetrated to heart of town. Arty very heavy.	
	0205	11			S-3 2nd Bn notified of above.	
0210		12			Arty Ln 0 from 494 AFA reported to CP.	
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142 Inf
Organization: _____
Place: CP GRIES
Date: 22 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0540		13			3rd Bn reported Engrs working on minefield from 093171 to 100180 completed work. 572 M-5 mines laid. No booby traps. Type of minefield: 4 lane hasty. Reported to G-3.	
	0600	14			Div given situation. They report situation in KILSTETT under control and activity has quieted down.	
0600		15			Engrs called and asked for 50 men to help carry mines. 3rd Bn sector.	
0610		16			Maj Petrie, Engr Bn, called. Would like to have men to carry mines report in N edge of HANHOFFEN.	
	0612	17			Capt Hunley notified 3rd Bn to have men report at above location to Engrs who have about 1 1/2 hours mine laying work to complete field.	
	0640	18			G-3 given situation.	
0700		19			Cos of 2nd and 1st Bn state they are set for attack at 0815A. Co E to approach woods from SW while 1st Bn covers E edge with MG fire. One Co of 143 Inf on NW side as a blocking force.	
0715		20			CO 3rd Bn reports bazooka patrol did not cross stream so therefore never accomplished anything. 4.2 mortars have registered along road to SE and NE. Three men were seen at edge of blown bridge to NE and 4.2 mortars fired - nothing developed.	
0720		21			G-3 phoned and French in KILSTETT are completely surrounded.	
	0755	22			Col Lynch notified COs of 1st and 2nd Bns to cease smoke if did not clear away properly. A few rounds to be put in woods for burning effect. Bns have 300 radio contact.	

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FROM: 220000A Jan 1945
TO : 222400A Jan 1945
MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

142 Inf
Organization:
Place: CP GRIES
Date: 22 Jan 1945

TIME		SEN NO.	TIME DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0800	23			I & R Plat instructed to set up OP in town at KURTZENHAUSEN for attack. Will have 300 radio on channel 27.	
0830		24			636 Rcn reports town of KILSTETT burning.	
0830		25			S-3 2nd Bn reports Co E part way in woods with little or no resistance.	
0840		26			CO 2nd Bn reports Co E in woods with no opposition.	
0845		27			CO 1st Bn reports Co B had 8 casualties from Arty and is now weak. Col Lynch notified him to relieve Co E with Co B.	
	0850	28			Col Lynch notified CO 143 Inf that the woods was ours and that he could withdraw his Co from NW edge of woods.	
0855		29			S-3 3rd Bn phoned and minefield completed by Engrs extends from 093171 NE to 097174.	
	0910	30			S-3 reported situation to G-3.	
	0930	31			CO AT Co gave the following locations of his guns: 055150-055148-059160, 058158, 057157.	
	0940	32			Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn CP.	
0950		33			S-3 3rd Bn reports that Cos I & L report one tank and 40 enemy infantry at 116160.	
1010		34			CO 2nd Bn reports that there are 12 enemy coming in Co G position. A 2nd Bn AT gun at 065145.	
1025		35			Gen Stack came to CP.	
1050		36			Capt Quast, S-2 132 FA Bn, reports Arty fired at enemy half track with infantry at 079123 and knocked it out with first shot.	

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1055	37			Capt Hunley phoned S-3 111 Engr requesting a tank dozer to dig in TDs vicinity 0815. Engrs to contact 1st Bn CP. S-3 now enroute to this CP.	
	1055	38			Gen Stack left CP.	
1100		39			G-3 phoned and representatives from 353 Searchlight Bn are enroute to 142 Inf CP to discuss installing the Bn in rear area for use on Div front. Bn can be in position for use tomorrow night.	
1110		40			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1130		41			I & R Plat OP in BISCHWILLER reports six troop carriers at 110195. Four have unloaded and returned to east, two are still at 110195, also troops. 38 vehicles have passed this point toward OBERHOFFEN including two tanks and one American jeep.	
	1135	42			S-3 checked with G-3 Div on status of bridges in our sector. - Situation given G-3.	
	1250	43			Capt Hunley checked with 314 Inf on permission to use searchlights to illuminate front lines.	
1300		44			Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch. Engrs to complete mining area tonight. Col Lynch given permission to blow any buildings he termed necessary. Engrs can get AP mines and Col Lynch suggested they be placed SE of KURTZENHAUSEN. One Bn of 143 Inf to be used by CO 142 Inf if necessary.	
1315		45			CO 3rd Bn reports 314 Inf state eight enemy tanks moving from woods E of OBERHOFFEN toward town. Our tanks and TDs alerted for flanking fire if they show up.	
	1325	46			Lt Col Gillette left for I & R Plat OP in KURTZENHAUSEN and 3rd Bn CP in BISCHWILLER.	

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TO : 222400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1330	47			Col Lynch talked to CO 3rd Bn.	
1345		48			S-2 636 TD Bn reports concentration of enemy tanks and infantry and half tracks vicinity 089122.	
1355		49			Ren party of 232 Inf now in Corps reserve came to CP to receive details of our positions in case they are ordered to this sector.	
1400		50			I & R OP report four horse drawn artillery pieces and three to four vehicles at 116194. Arty being fired on them.	
	1400	51			Col Lynch left for 2nd Bn CP in WEXERSHEIM.	
	1420	52			S-2 1st Bn notified that 60mm flares should be used to illuminate area for targets. Communication to be set up between mortars and TPs.	
	1430	53			S-3 3rd Bn notified of above.	
1435		54			G-2 reports that Div Arty is firing on three tanks at 088124 at 1415A.	
1455		55			Col Lynch and Lt Col Gillette returned to CP.	
	1600	56			Col Lynch phoned CO 111 Engr Bn and requested 700 to 800 AP mines be delivered direct to Bns for Bn AP Plats to lay. CO Engrs requested a single strand of barbed wire be placed to rear of mines.	
	1602	57			CO 142 Inf phoned CO 3rd Bn and notified him of above. Ordered mines lain in rows on left flank of Bn. Rows to be marked and charted. CO 3rd Bn states Engrs now blowing mill. One tank fired at enemy tank E of OBERHOFFEN, results unknown. Our tank has turned over but being retrieved. CO 142 Inf ordered outposts on east bank of river tonight.	

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TO : 222400A Jan 1945

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1615		58			I & R OP in BISCHWILLER reports platoon of enemy sighted at 106145 going west at 1600A.	
	1630	59			CO 142 Inf phoned G-3 and requested air mission for tomorrow as soon as daylight permits. Approximately 75 to 80 planes to bomb town of OBERHOFFEN and strafe road NE to SCHIRRHAIN.	
1705		60			Air OP reports 26 tanks at 113132 moving west. Putting artillery on them.	
	1715	61			Col Lynch called 132 FA and asked for harassing fire on the "Y" road at 098193, about 500 rounds starting at 1900A.	
1720		62			Gen Dahlquist called Col Lynch and Col Lynch gave him the situation. Also asked about the AT, and personnel mines which have not arrived at this Regt. Would like 700 to 800 of them. Gen Dahlquist informed Col Lynch to call for any help that he may need in case of a counterattack in the morning, from Lt Col Denholm, CO 143 Inf and to have them alerted to move on call from this Hq. Col Lynch reports that he has harassing fires around.	
	1830	63			G-3 given situation.	
	1850	64			Col Lynch phoned CO 314th Inf and received permission to fire artillery anywhere east of MODER river. 314 Inf firing 5 TOTs in OBERHOFFEN tonight. 314th informed of our laying AP mines.	
	1900	65			CO 142 Inf phoned CO 3rd Bn. Discussed plans of defense and situation. Engr did a fine job on destroying mill.	
1910		66			S03 1st Bn reports Engr dozers have arrived and are working on mission assigned.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
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IN	OUT					
	1915	67			Col Lynch talked to CO 1st Bn and gave him permission to lay 50 AP mines at own selection. Engrs will lay AT mines tonight.	
2005		68			Ammo O called. 3rd Bn will get 500 mines. They are available now.	
2015		69			Capt Lowry, 1st Bn, called. Received permission to move his kitchens to GRIES.	
2015		70			Gen Dahlquist called Col Lynch. Given information. No change and all is quiet.	
2025		71			1st Bn reported that at 087155 12 Germans were marching down road. Sent back by small arms and artillery fire. Time 0800A.	
	2035	72			S-3 told 3rd Bn to have Engrs lay mines where Engrs suggest, so that Co K can cover it. CO Engrs notified. 3rd Bn outpost received MG fire from across river.	
2045		73			CO 3rd Bn reports Germans are across river vicinity blown mill. Patrol was fired on from this vicinity.	
	2125	74			G-3 given situation.	
2230		75			CO 3rd Bn reports Co K killed 1 German at bridge site (096188) and killed 6 enemy out of a patrol of 15 who attempted to cross river SE of blown bridge on ROHRWILLER road at 103184. Co L outpost at 099175 reports four enemy approaching their outpost were mortared and dispersed. Div notified.	
2300		76			2nd Bn reports all quiet.	
2305		77			S-4 received 375 rolls barbed wire, 100 concertina, but no pickets. Concertina to be delivered as follows: 20 to 3rd Bn, 40 to 2nd and 40 to 1st. S-4 also has snow suits for everybody on line. All Bns notified that they will receive wire and suits.	

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2315		78			CO 3rd Bn reports that platoon of Engrs had arrived to put in hasty mine field.	
2335		79			Engrs completed mine laying in 1st Bn sector.	
	2320	80			Col Lynch directed Capt Hearn, RDC, to have defensive fires ready, also to have crews stand by at 0630A in morning so as to be ready.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 189

Hq 142 RCT
CP GRIES (0617)
221200A Jan 1945

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FROM: 211200A Jan. 1945
TO : 221200A Jan. 1945

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1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. 314th Inf held defensive positions with no activity.
 - b. 143 RCT relieved of command of sector BISCHWILLER - WEYERSHEIM at 0100A.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and snow. Visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. 142 RCT completed relief of 143 RCT on position at 0100A. Co E, less one platoon, attacked woods vicinity 072148 from SW at 0815A. Occupied area at 0840A without opposition. Platoon of Co B moved from 077150 to relieve Co E who returned to vicinity WEYERSHEIM as Bn reserve.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATION: See Par. 5.

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JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.,
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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 232400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 23 Jan 1945

TIME		SERIAL NO	FILE OR DATE	TYPE OR MESSAGE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
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0010		1			Capt Weston, G-2 Div, reports 26 enemy tanks seen moving from 119130 to 108132. These are ones bombed by our planes.	
0100		2			G-2 called. Div Arty reports fire flare up at 093089 with tracers coming from it.	
	0102	3			G-3 given situation. All quiet.	
	0155	4			Day's estimate of enemy killed wounded - 15. Reported to G-2 by S-2.	
	0200	5			G-3 given situation. All quiet.	
0300		6			Lt Powers, Engrs, reports mine fields complete except belt on extreme right flank which will have to be done tomorrow night.	
	0340	7			G-3 given situation.	
0355		8			All Bns report all quiet on front. Troops not receiving artillery. Few rounds of heavy artillery fell on S edge of BISCHWILLER.	
0400		9			2nd Bn reports bridges at 065734 and 073143 prepared for demolition.	
	0405	10			G-3 given situation.	
	0630	11			G-2 and G-3 given situation.	
0815		12			CO 3rd Bn reports patrols will not go out until air show is over.	
	0820	13			S-3 checked with G-3 on time of air mission. Will check Corps and then notify this Hq.	
	0825	14			CO 142 checked with CO 2nd Bn on armor. 117 Ren reports armor vicinity 087120 by sound only. CO 142 instructed CO 2nd Bn to let enemy armor move up close enough for our armor to fire (Cont'd)	

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IN	OUT					
		14	(Cont'd)		direct and then bring artillery on them also.	
	0830	15			S-3 checked with 1st Bn S-3 and he reports all quiet in sector.	
	0835	16			CO 142 phoned CO 2nd Bn and notified him that 117 Rcn reports French state armor now at 0712 moving west. 2nd Bn armor to be alerted.	
0900		17			S-3 2nd Bn states that their OPs cannot see anything of reported armor in vicinity.	
0905		18			Div Air O asked if wooded area at 093143 was thought to be assembly area of enemy tanks.	
0925		19			S-2 636 TD Bn reports plane dropped jet propelled bomb vicinity 0207 grid. Believed to be enemy plane.	
	0930	20			CO 142 RCT phoned CO 2nd Bn and discussed defense positions of Cos and armor.	
0950		21			S-3 2nd Bn reports French state enemy armor vicinity 087120 has withdrawn.	
1000		22			Gen Dahlquist came to CP. Left at 1055.	
	1055	23			Lt Col Gillette phoned CO AT Co and ordered him to investigate vehicles loaded with ammunition in WEITBRUCH and have them dispersed.	
1100		24			CO 3rd Bn reports too hazy to observe results of air mission.	
1115		25			S-3 states this RCT has no ammunition trains in town of WEITBRUCH.	
	1145	26			CO 142 RCT phoned 111 Engrs in regards to wire and mines. Priority for tonight to be wire. CO requested 200 AP mines for 1st Bn.	

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IN	OUT					
1200		27			Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch. Gen suggested streets of BISCHWILLER be barricaded and men to work on them during daylight. AP mines to be put in draws logical for enemy approach. CO 142 Inf to deal direct with Engrs on wire and mines.	
1220		28			Col Wilbur, TD Bn, reported he had 8 TDs and receiving 1 more, to be in WEYERSHEIM.	
	1255	29			CO 142 Inf phoned CO 2nd Bn on troop locations. CO 142 Inf gave CO 2nd Bn permission to send a recon patrol to vicinity 077120 to investigate a possible chance of enemy self propelled in that vicinity.	
1300		30			CO 3rd Bn reports a Arty observer can faintly see vehicular and horse drawn movement vicinity SCHIRRHEN. Requested air OP to be put up and trying to fire 155 FA Bn on the target. S-3 instructed CO that we are increasing TD support due to receiving another Co. Co A TDs to go in position originally prepared.	
1310		31			S-3 1st Bn reports Bn now being shelled in woods 080153.	
1325		32			Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch. 143 RCT to be committed on right Div sector. Boundary to be boundary now between 1st and 2nd Bn 142 RCT. 753 Tk Bn to be attached to 143 and 636 TD Bn to 142 RCT. Gen warned CO to be on alert for enemy night attack and get wire in as soon as possible. Regt CPs to remain as is. CG to award CO 3rd Bn a DSC this afternoon. Div OI will be down this afternoon. 2nd Bn to be relieved tonight by 143 RCT. Attachments to remain in position.	
1335		33			S-3 2nd Bn notified the Bn would be relieved tonight by 143 and to move to KURTZENHAUSEN for remainder of night. Tomorrow Bn will probably move to GRIES to get in Regt sector. Attachments remain in position.	

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IN	OUT					
	1340	34			Col Lynch left for 1st Bn CP.	
	1400	35			CO AT Co notified to make recon for positions from left of middle platoon to 3rd Bn platoon at S tip of BISCHWILLER (089171).	
1410		36			Air OP reports one enemy tank with infantry at 116141. Tank not moving.	
1435		37			CO 3rd Bn reports 314th Inf state a large number of troops and american jeeps emerging from woods to E of OBERHOFFEN toward town.	
1445		38			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1505		39			S-3 1st Bn reports platoon strongpoint of Co C receiving counterattack. Strength unknown. Details later. S-3 3rd Bn notified.	
	1510	40			CO phoned G-3 and requested more air reconnaissance over this sector and more missions on OBERHOFFEN. Notified G-3 that platoon of Co C now getting counterattack. Gen Dahlquist enroute to this Hq.	
	1515	41			Lt Col Gillette left for S-1 and S-4 in KRAUTWILLER.	
1515		42			CO 111 Engr Bn came to CP and discussed details on laying mines and wire in Regt sector.	
	1520	43			CO phoned CG Div Arty and requested 2 or 3 Bns of Arty on large groups of enemy infantry moving into OBERHOFFEN.	
	1525	44			CO talked to CO 3rd Bn and he states they now have two Bns of arty on enemy concentration east of OBERHOFFEN.	
1530		45			Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
1535		46			Gen Dahlquist presented Legion of Merit to Col Lynch at Regt CP.	

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IN	OUT					
	1540	47			Gen Dahlquist left for 3rd Bn CP.	
	1540	48			G-3 given situation.	
1550		49			S-3 1st Bn reports attack broken up by Arty, SA and mortar fire. Estimated approximately 40 enemy with scouts forward and this group followed by larger group of infantry.	
	1555	50			CO phoned CG 36 Div Arty on getting more artillery fired on town of OBERHOFFEN. Arty to fire BINGO at 1615A. 8" Arty to be fired after 1630A.	
	1600	51			S-3 2nd Bn notified to trade ammunition now on position with Bn of 143 Inf now relieving it.	
	1605	52			S-3 3rd Bn notified that Engrs would continue work tonight, about dusk. Complete field of AT mines on left of Co K and field on right of Co K.	
	1610	53			CO notified Capt Light, Arty Ln 0 3rd Bn, that he could get 8" artillery after 1630A.	
1615		54			Searchlight Bn in position and call sign is CHARTER. Direct line through 133 FA Bn.	
1615		55			CO 753 Tk Bn talked to CO 142 Inf on status of tanks. The light tanks will be swapped tonight and medium tanks tomorrow night.	
1620		56			Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
	1623	57			Col Lynch called CO 1st Bn on details of enemy attack. Information same as given by S-3 earlier. Patrol from Co A now investigating area to front.	
	1635	58			Gen Dahlquist left CP.	
	1640	59			S-3 of Bns notified of use of searchlights tomorrow tonight if remains cloudy. There is standing order for them to be used from 1900A on if possible.	

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IN	OUT					
	1650	60			G-2 given situation.	
1700		61			S-3 3rd Bn reported tanks vicinity ROHRWILLER moving toward Co L. TDs alerted, as well as others.	
1705		62			CO AT Co reports positions selected are: 073166, 072.5163, 072162. Positions will be prepared tonight and guns will be put in tomorrow.	
1800		63			3rd Bn reports observer states can hear enemy armor (tanks) vicinity 1116 and 1218. Not firing artillery as no definite target.	
	1810	64			G-3 given situation.	
1811		65			CO 143 Inf phoned CO 142 Inf and states an officer was reconnoitering forward positions in front of 2nd Bn 142 Inf and became very sick and now being evacuated. Believed to be gas.	
	1815	66			S-2 of 1st and 3rd Bns notified of above.	
	1815	67			S-2 2nd Bn notified of above and Cal mortar officer now checking area. Officer that became sick states it smells like garlic.	
1817		68			G-2 phoned and states at 1500A French reported more than 5 enemy tanks moving forward to KILSTETT from BETTENHOFEN.	
1823		69			S-3 1st Bn reports 5 of enemy against Co C this afternoon were in snow suits and rest normal uniform. Four gun battery from E and 3 gun btry of SP or tanks work woods over every so often. Enemy troops this afternoon were too far to front to investigate.	
	1836	70			CO AT Co and CO Cn Co notified of possible gas used in front of 2nd Bn.	

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IN	OUT					
1845		71			Capt Lyke, Arty Ln O, 3rd Bn reports several fires burning in OBERHOFFEN.	
1920		72			Lt, Ln O from 636 TD Bn, states Plat Ldr in woods with 1st Bn has heard enemy warning tank motors in woods to front.	
1925		73			Div Ln O brought in OI # 131.	
1930		74			2nd Bn reports Cos E and F have been relieved. Co G not complete yet. Div notified.	
1945		75			S-3 3rd Bn reports enemy patrol on main road west from ROHRWILLER about 250 yards in front of Co K platoon. Engrs have reported for mine details. Ammo dump in OFFENDORF burning.	
2030		76			CO 3rd Bn called Col Lynch and asked about harassing fires. Going to call 132 FA on it. CO 3rd Bn reports that they have outpost to the river. Also the Engr are out working. Have hourly patrols to Co C position.	
	2035	77			CO 142 RCT called 132 FA Bn and asked for the same harassing fires as last night. About 400 rounds of 105 light and 250 rounds of 8". 155 was fired last night and the same will be tonight. Following are in support, 2 Bns of light, 2 Bns 155 How, 2 Bns- 155 guns, 1 8" How Bat, 2 240 guns.	
2130		78			CO 143 Inf called Col Lynch and reports that the relief is complete.	
	2135	79			Capt Terrell called Searchlight Bn in regards to the lights. To have lights on at full strength up until 2300A and half strength up to 0400A and then turned on at full strength again.	
	2200	80			Capt Terrell called S-3 of 143 Inf in regards to contact patrols from our Regt and 143 Inf to meet at 075146 at 1100, 0200 and 0400A.	

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IN	OUT					
2215		81			CO 2nd Bn reports that his Bn is completely relieved.	
2230		82			Gen Dahlquist called Col Lynch. The Gen was given the situation. Also that the lights are working swell and that the men up on the front lines like it alright.	
2300		83			3rd Bn reports that they have been shelling the town, about 40 rounds. Also would like to have the lights turned off as every time the Engrs move around they get shelled. Claim to be able to see about 700 to 800 yards.	
	2305	84			Capt Terrell called the Searchlight Bn in regard to turning off the lights until 0400 in the morning.	
2345		85			3rd Bn reports that an outpost in front of Co K had a 20 man German patrol come into the factory building. This outpost is the farthest one out at 104183 and are in a little fire fight.	
	2350	86			G-2 given situation.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 190

Hq 142 RCT
CP GRIES (0617)
231200A Jan 1945

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TO : 231200A Jan. 1945

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1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. 143 Inf, Div reserve, organizing Div RRL.
 - b. 1st Fr 3 RTA: 1st Bn R-066066, 2nd Bn 012055, 3rd Bn R-090085.
 - c. 314 Inf organizing and defending MLR assigned by CG 79th Div.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Partly cloudy. Visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. Troops continue to organize and defend MLR.
 - b. Engr laying mine fields and constructing wire obstacles.
 - c. 3rd Bn outposts vicinity 103182 fired on by estimated 15-man enemy patrol attempting to cross stream at 2230A, six enemy killed.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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JOURNAL

FROM: 240000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 242400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 24 Jan 1945

TIME		SERIAL NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0100	1			314 Inf given situation.	
0230		2			Capt Groom, CO Co A 636 TD Bn, reports Plat of TDs now in position, tied in with Co I.	
0235		3			3rd Bn reports Engrs have completed mine laying on N flank, but are still working on S.	
	0300	4			G-3 given situation.	
	0400	5			G-3 given situation.	
	0600	6			G-2 given situation.	
	0615	7			G-3 given situation.	
	0720	8			S-3 called 1st Bn. No activity in 1st Bn sector. Engrs completed installation of defensive wire. Mine fields not completed.	
0720		9			Searchlights out of action.	
0755		10			S-3 3rd Bn states booby trap field complete. W minefield complete but eastern field not. Engrs layed 275 mines on 80 yard front. Engrs will work on street barricades today. The searchlights proved very satisfactory.	
	0815	11			CO phoned CO 2nd Bn and ordered he and Co COs stop by Regt CP in 30 minutes enroute to BISCHWILLER to make reconnaissance of area for counterattack plans previously assigned to 1st Bn 143 Inf. Will try and have arrangements made for 2nd Bn to move to GRIES by 1500A.	
	0830	12			CO phoned CO 143 Inf in regards to open space in GRIES. CO states N end of town vacant and space available for a Bn. CO 143 states 15 man patrol on Bn front last night was engaged in fire fight by our troops and 8 were killed. 3 PWs taken who were pretending to be wounded.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP GRIES
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TIME		SEN NO.	TIME DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0850		13			CO 2nd Bn and CO of Cos arrived at Regt CP enroute to BISCHWILLER. CO 142 Inf gave CO 2nd Bn instructions and details of plans.	
0900		14			143 Inf Exec O states south end of GRIES open for a Bn, not north end as previously stated by CO 143 Inf.	
	0910	15			CO talked to CO 3rd Bn. Minefields are in on north flank but not complete in front of Co L. Barriers to be erected in streets today. CO wants AP mines laid along possible covered approaches enemy might use. CO 3rd Bn plans to relieve Co K with Co I today and tonight.	
0950		16			G-2 called. 143 Inf took 3 PWs from enemy patrol last night at 074137. PWs from 1st Co 21st SS PGR. 1st Bn is located at DRUSENHEIM and reports 30 to 40 tanks in DRUSENHEIM.	
1115		17			Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch. CO gave him the situation. Gen suggested that the lights be used for entire front. Engrs to keep working on barricades. Possibility that 1st Bn will be relieved tomorrow night.	
1115		18			S-2 3rd Bn states 314 Inf reported their air OP observed approximately 200 enemy massed vicinity 105223 and beginning to move SW. Convoy of 12 vehicles moving W vicinity 136220.	
1130		19			Officer at I & R Plat OP in BISCHWILLER states no artillery firing on enemy target vicinity 138204.	
	1140	20			S-2 checked with Arty Ln O from 155 FA on above.	
	1150	21			Lt Col Gillette phoned S-4 and notified them to reconnoiter for positions vicinity DUNTZENHEIM and R ROHR. S-4 and S-1 to move there and also all kitchen trains. Showers will be open tomorrow morning for 2nd Bn and an exchange of clothing will be available.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP GRIES
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TIME		SER. NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1200		22			143 Inf agrees that two platoons of Co A of Cml Bn stay under our control.	
1230		23			1st Bn reports that they just received 60 rounds of 105mm at 0815, knocked out the switchboard. Asked if they could have an air OP up. The shells are coming from E or SE.	
1235		24			Div phoned that their are two Mark VI tanks followed by 2 more at 075119 with two Plats of infantry covering flank. Also one tank at 072122. S-3 asked if they could get an air OP up for the 1st Bn reports that they just received 60 rounds of 105 artillery. Believe it might develope into something.	
	1240	25			S-3 called Div about the shelling that 1st Bn just received and would like an air OP. Also to be watchful to the E and SE.	
1245		26			I & R OP in BISCHWILLER reports all is quiet.	
	1310	27			Col Lynch phoned CO 3rd Bn and notified him he was sending the six 50 Cal MGs of 2nd Bn each with ammunition and 3 men crew. They are to go in positions selected by CO 3rd Bn. Engrs are working on street barricades. Installing ten blocks in SE end of town.	
1330		28			2nd Bn called S-3 in regards to town of GRIES, that it is impossible to move the whole Bn in.	
	1335	29			CO called 143 Inf regarding his units that are still left in town of GRIES. Maj Gentile, 143 Inf, reports that they will move everything out of the south end of town.	
1340		30			CO 2nd Bn called Lt Col Gillette. Reports that they have closed in at 1340A.	
	1345	31			Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn CP.	

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142 Inf
Organization: _____
Place: CP GRIES
Date: 24 Jan 1945

TIME		SEN NO.	TIME DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1400	32			Lt Col Gillette left for 2nd Bn CP in GRIES.	
1430	$\frac{1}{2}$	33			S-3 2nd Bn reports that they are all closed in GRIES.	
1440		34			Lt Col Gillette returned to CP.	
1500		35			S-3 2nd Bn states that they sent five 50-cal MGs, each with 3-man crew, to the 3rd Bn CP about half hour ago.	
1510		36			Maj Gentile, 143 Inf Exec O, called in and gave the following location of the town that they will occupy: A line from NW 058172 SE to 05951710. The line runs generally from N and NE. Will occupy the southern part.	
1515		37			Ln O from 155 FA reports that they have an OP and asked where this Hq wants him to observe. Informed to observe to the front of our 1st Bn area-OBERHOPFEN - ROHRWILLER - 142 grid.	
1520		38			Col Lynch arrived back to CP.	
1525		39			Gen Dehlquist arrived at CP. Left at 1535.	
	1600	40			Col Lynch called CO 143 Inf in regards to his units that are left in GRIES. Col Denholm reports that the north and east wing are free.	
	1605	41			Capt Hunley called CO 2nd Bn in regards to the above information.	
	1655	42			Capt Hunley phoned CO 111 Engr requesting the completion of mine field NE of BISCHWILLER. The wire to E will be extended and wire in front of Co C to be extended. Corps has called for Engr. Minefield priority tomorrow.	
	1700	43			S-3 notified S-3 3rd Bn of the details on Engr work scheduled for tonight.	

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FROM: 240000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 242400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

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Date: 24 Jan 1945

TIME		SERIAL NO.	TIME OR DATE	TITLE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
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1710		44			G-3 phoned and asked schedule for searchlights for tonight. Gen Brooks, CG VI Corps, is to watch the lights tonight.	
	1735	45			S-3 phoned S-3 2nd Bn. 143 Inf has agreed to secure town tonight and suggested we rotate the plan. 2nd Bn will take responsibility tomorrow night, but will also supplement off night with local security.	
	1750	46			G-2 given situation.	
1755		47			S-3 143 Inf requested the searchlights not be turned on until 2100A because of a patrol they have operating. S-3 142 Inf granted the OK.	
	1805				S-3 notified Searchlight Bn of above.	
1805		49			Maj Lowery, Exec Off 1st Bn, phoned for information on kitchens and rear installations. Lt Col Gillette told him the kitchens could move tomorrow morning to north end of KURTZENHAUSEN with idea of Bn moving in tomorrow night.	
	1807	50			CO 2nd Bn notified of above information.	
	1816	51			Lt Col Gillette phoned CO 143 Inf in regards to space in KURTZENHAUSEN. CO 143 Inf states town is full. 1st Bn 142 Inf upon being relieved by 1st Bn 143 Inf can swap places as Bn will be in Div res status.	
1830		52			CO Cn Co phoned and received permission to fire approximately 50 rounds vicinity RJ 131165 tonight.	
	1836	53			CO 142 Inf phoned CO 1st Bn that his Bn would move to GREIS when relieved.	
	1850	54			G-3 given situation.	
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142 Inf

TO : 242400A Jan 1945

Organization:

Place: CP GRIES

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 24 Jan 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
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1855		55			S-3 3rd Bn states details on patrols will be phoned later. In house where 3rd Bn CP is located has been found american 5 and 10 dollar bills, american pipe tobacco, and letters addressed directly to Hitler that had not been mailed. Details to be phoned later.	
1930		56			Received Div OI 241500A Jan 1945.	
2030		57			1st Bn reported all quiet. Engrs working on booby traps.	
2040		58			G-2 reported a lot of activity in sector to left of 3rd Bn. Heavy shelling. 3rd Bn notified of this	
2100		59			CO 3rd Bn reports troops are alert but OP can observe nothing except our artillery falling in OBERHOFFEN.	
2155		60			Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch. Left sector of 79th Inf had small fire fight and artillery, but now quiet. Believed a "Chinese Attack" to get patrols across. Col Lynch reported 142 Inf front very quiet. Artificial moonlight will not be used until clouds cover the moon.	
2220		61			Maj Newell, G-3 section, phoned and states fire fight in vicinity SCHWEIGHAUSEN still going on. An unestimated number of enemy have succeeded in crossing the river. Strength of attack unknown, but followed an artillery concentration.	
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UNIT REPORT
NO. 191

Hq 142 RCT
CP GRIES (0617)
241200A Jan 1945

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FROM: 231200A Jan. 1945
TO : 241200A Jan. 1945

Maps: FRANCE 1:50,000, Sheets XXXVIII 14 and 15

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. 314 Inf - no change.
 - b. 3rd Bn 143 Inf relieved 2nd Bn 142 Inf vicinity east of WEYERSHEIM at 2130A. CO 143 Inf assumed command of right half of Div front.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and snow. Visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. 142 RCT continued to defend defensive line BISCHWILLER SW to HOERDT. At 2130A 3rd Bn 143 Inf completed relief of 2nd Bn 142 RCT east of WEYERSHEIM and CO 143 RCT assumed command of sector.
 - b. 2nd Bn 142 RCT moved by foot to KURTZENHAUSEN where Bn remained for remainder of period.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATION:
 - a. See paragraph 5.
 - b. Co K outpost vicinity 103182 engaged estimate 15 man enemy patrol in fire fight and forced it to withdraw before crossing MODER River.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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FROM: 250000A Jan 1945
TO: 252400A Jan 1945
MAP: FRANCE 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP GRIES
Date: 25 Jan 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0030		1			CO 3rd Bn called and reports that he has received reports from different people that they can hear any quite a bit of armor movement in OBERHOFFEN. The present time throwing artillery on it. G-3 notified	
0100		2			CO 3rd Bn reports that there is some small arms including two MGs opened up to their front. There also is some firing into the unit on our left.	
	0110	3			Capt Terrell called 1st Bn and Capt Cornelius reports that they just got another heavy shelling same as the shelling this afternoon. All lines to the Cos are out. Believe that Co C strong point is receiving small arms fire. G-3 notified. G-3 reports that KILSTETT is being attacked again.	
	0130	4			Capt Terrell called the Searchlight Bn and requested that they turn on the lights.	
0135		5			1st Bn reports that there is nothing happening in their sector, but are firing their defensive fires at present.	
0140		6			155 Ln 0 phoned saying he heard there was an enemy penetration NW of HAGENUE.	
0145		7			CO 3rd Bn called and reported that the 315th Inf received some small arms, mortars and machine gun fire generally along their front. About ten rounds of mortar fire received. 315th is firing harassing fires and also defensive fires ready to fire.	
	0200	8			Capt Terrell gave situation to Col Lynch.	
	0215	9			Capt Terrell called 1st Bn. All quiet now. No small arms fire in 1st Bn sector. Received one casualty in Co C from artillery barrage.	
	0235	10			G-3 given situation. Div reports point of penetration to the NW of HAGENAU is 982243. Positions not yet restored, but not serious sit.	

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FROM: 250000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 252400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

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Date: 25 Jan 1945

TIME		SERIAL NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPED MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	0240	11			TD Bn given situation.	
0245		12			S-4 called saying there is about 600 rounds of 81mm mortar ammo per unit. Unable to draw more. Will be able to get better count in morning and will then notify us.	
0255		13			142 Inf called. Their sector all quiet.	
0305		14			143 Inf OP at 093183 reports that at 2500 yards from their OP at 35 degrees observed 7 tanks. At 65 degrees heard tracked vehicles. At 75 degrees heard more tracked vehicles. All movement toward our lines. This information reported to our 3rd Bn.	
0315		15			143 Inf called and reported a yellow flare 300 yards south of their OP at 093183. This reported to our 3rd Bn.	
	0430	16			Checked with 1st and 3rd Bns and 143 Inf. All quiet.	
	0505	17			G-3 given situation. G-3 reports NW of HAGENAU enemy has penetrated nearly as far as OHLUNGEN. 1st Bn of 314 Inf has moved to the area and 3rd Bn 314 Inf is alerted to go.	
0610		18			All quiet in 3rd Bn sector.	
0750		19			CO 1st Bn called and asked about situation. All quiet in 1st Bn sector.	
0815		20			CO 3rd Bn reports that there was a 6-man patrol came to river and our outpost fired on them and 1 killed and wounded two, the other three are behind a stone wall 097195.	
0830		21			Gen Dahlquist called Col Lynch and was given the situation. Reports that the enemy has a bridge across river near OHLUNGEN and that the (Cont'd)	

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FROM: 250000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 252400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

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Date: 25 Jan 1945

TIME		SER. FILE NO.	TIME OR DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
		21	(Cont'd)	Germans are bringing tanks across into the woods. Also made penetration near KALTENHOUSE.	
0900		22		CO 2nd Bn called Lt Col Gillette and reports that they are sending 50 men at a time to take showers.	
0915		23		CO 3rd Bn phoned S-3 and reported that one of the wounded men crawled across the river into our lines. He is out of the 2nd Co 192 Regt 21 Pz Div. Their mission was to advance until they made contact with us.	
	0945	24		CO 2nd Bn notified to report to Regt CP to confer with CO 142 Inf.	
0950		25		Gen Stack, Ass't CG, visited CP.	
0955		26		CO 2nd Bn arrived at CP.	
1005		27		Div Ln 0 called. Tanks are reported moving west from GAMBSHEIM, number unknown, at 0935A.	
1005		28		G-3 wants patrols to front tonight in order to pick up enemy outposts and prisoners.	
1020		29		S-2 315 Inf called. Unit on their left has captured about 60 enemy in action this morning. Elements of 1st Bn 103 Regt 47 VG Div; 2nd Bn 119 Regt 25 PGR; 1st Bn 35 Regt 25 PGR identified.	
	1025	30		Gen Stack left CP.	
	1030	31		Col Lynch left CP for 1st Bn.	
1130		32		Col Lynch returned to CP.	
	1140	33		Col Lynch called Gen Dahlquist and asked about the relief of our 1st Bn. Reports that he will call around 1300A as to the relief. If the 1st Bn is not going to be relieved tonight by 143 Inf Col Lynch would like to relieve the 1st Bn by our 2nd Bn.	

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Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 252400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1145		34			Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch and reports that the 1st Bn of 142 Inf will be relieved by 1st Bn of 143 Inf starting at dark to-night. On the relief tonight, to have security patrols out.	
1305		35			TD Bn phoned and states estimated 5 or 6 enemy vicinity 096153. Fired 50 Cal MG at them and they withdrew.	
1320		36			Exec O 143 Inf phoned S-3 in regard to attachments of 1st Bn 142 Inf. The attachments will remain in position and pass to control of CO 1st Bn 143 Inf upon completion of relief. He requested our AT guns remain in position.	
	1330	37			S-3 left for 3rd Bn CP.	
	1335	38			S-3 143 Inf was notified that 142 Inf AT Co guns would remain in position, but Bn AT guns would be relieved.	
	1400	39			CO phoned S-2 1st Bn. Relief will go as planned unless enemy launches attack. One NCO per Co and one staff officer, Arty Ln O and FO to remain no later than dark tomorrow. Attachments revert to control of Bn CO making relief upon its completion. Security patrols to be kept out until relief is completed.	
1415		40			G-3 called. 10th Co 21 Para Regt 7th Para Div also identified in area west of SCHWEIGHAUSEN. This makes 5th enemy unit identified in this area.	
1420		41			Gen Dahlquist called. Would like to make use of 443 AAA Flak wagons in possible "chinese attack" tonight around BISCHWILLER. Col Lynch has ordered 3rd Bn to send out a raiding party across the river toward OBERHOFFEN. Thinks Flak wagons may be used to shoot at ROHRWILLER. S-3 of 443 AAA will report to Col Lynch.	

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FROM: 250000A Jan 1945
TO : 252400A Jan 1945
MAP : FRANCE 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP GRIES
Date: 25 Jan 1945

TIME		SERIAL NO.	FILE NO.	OR DATED	TYPE MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT						
1440		42				S-3 143 Inf reports their left Bn states Germans are using a knocked out German tank as an OP at 078142. Would like TD fire placed on it. 636 TD Bn notified and asked to get fire on it.	
	1440	43				Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn.	
1445		44				Capt Hunley returned.	
1515	1515	45				Col Lynch called from 3rd Bn and ordered Engrs to get three rubber rcn boats to 3rd Bn by 2000A tonight. Engrs notified.	
	1530	46				S-3 called Div to ask about situation to north. Germans now reported to be contained in the forest of OHLUNGEN with some in town of SCHWEIGHAUSEN. 3rd Bn 314 Inf now attacking E from clearing at 9725. 1st Bn 314 Inf has moved up road from OHLUNGEN to attack SCHWEIGHAUSEN from west. A Bn of of 14th Armd infantry moving N from OHLUNGEN - SCHWEIGHAUSEN road. A Bn of 313 Inf attacking SCHWEIGHAUSEN from the E. Many PWs taken and situation under control.	
1600		47				S-3 132 FA Bn states French OP in HOERDT reported a column of enemy infantry approximately one mile in length moving S from HERRLISHEIM to GAMBSHEIM. Div notified.	
1605		48				Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1610		49				Gen Dahlquist phoned and CO gave him information on situation. CO requested Engrs blow another span of bridge NE of BISCHWILLER as believe enemy could cross easily. Gen granted permission.	
	1612	50				CO phoned CO 111 Engrs and ordered next span on our side of river blown tonight. Engr party will report to Bn CP at dusk.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP GRIES
Date: 25 Jan 1945

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IN	OUT					
	1625	51			CO phoned S-4 and ordered 25 trip flares out of stock of 126 sent to 3rd Bn on trucks taking rubber boats up. 50 AP mines originally allotted 2nd Bn to be sent to 3rd Bn.	
	1627	52			CO phoned CO 3rd Bn and notified him of bridge to be blown, AP mines and trip flares. 142 Inf to control Arty in OBERHOFFEN tonight.	
	1630	53			CO phoned 132 FA Bn notifying them to have no artillery fire below 20 grid beginning 2200A.	
1720		54			S-2 of 143 Inf reports that men returning on road from MARIENTHAL to GRIES received 4 or 5 shots of sniper fire in woods at 059194.	
	1720	55			Lt Col Gillette talked to G-3 and Flak Wagon to remain in position until 0800 and then will move to original positions. 142 Inf can use wagons tomorrow night if needed.	
1725		56			CO 3rd Bnc called. Have picked up a prisoner who states he knows location of several big guns in DRUSENHEIM. Will send him back to IPW immediately.	
	1900	57			G-3 given situation.	
1920		58			CO 3rd Bn called. Engrs must be through with mine laying in front of Bn before midnight so that demonstration can be made.	
	1930	59			G-2 given situation.	
	2015	60			G-3 given situation. SCHWIGHAUSEN now cleared except for snipers.	
2045		61			Capt Fisher, S-3 443 AAA, called. Two A Btry Flak Wagons are located approximately at 0918. One B Btry wagon at 094180, another 100 yds to N of that. Ready to fire.	

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FROM: 250000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 252400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
2100		62			S-3 1st Bn reports relief in progress.	
2110		63			Div Ln 0 reports that a 143 Inf outpost has heard an unknown number of tanks moving in an unknown direction at 085111 at 2000A hours.	
2120		64			G-2 called. 143 OP reports an estimate five tanks moving W at an azimuth of 135 degrees from OP at 095186. 3rd Bn notified.	
2150		65			S-3 315 Inf called and discussed situation with Capt Hunley. On 315th Inf front enemy showed activity at bridge between KALTENHOUSE and CAMP DE OBERHOFFEN. Also around church in OBERHOFFEN. Artillery placed on both with good effect.	
2325		66			S-3 1st Bn reports Bn all cleared in relief. Div notified.	
2325		67			S-4 reports no 81mm available until 1st Feb.	
	2330	68			Searchlight Btry notified to turn lights on at 2400A.	
2400		69			1st Bn closed. Div notified.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 192

Hq 142 RCT
CG GRIES (0617)
251200A Jan 1945

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TO : 251200A Jan, 1945

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1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. Left flank, 315 Inf relieved 314 Inf afternoon and night of 24 Jan 1945 and continued to organize defense positions on HAGENAU line.
 - b1 Right flank, 143 Inf held defense line 070145 SW to HOERDT. No contact reported during night.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, hazy and cold. Visibility poor - 2-4 miles.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT held defensive line BISCHWILLER SW to 071147.
 - b. 1st Bn received heavy artillery shelling about 1400A and 0110A. Several casualties reported. 2nd Bn in Regt reserve at GRIES. 3rd Bn sector quiet during 1st half of period with a few rounds of harassing artillery falling in BISCHWILLER. At dawn a 6 man patrol approached our outpost vicinity 103182. Our outposts reported 1 enemy killed and two wounded, remainder behind a stone wall. One of the wounded crawled across river to our lines after daybreak and was identified to be from 2nd Co 192 Regt 21 Pz Div. with mission to continue until made contact with our forces.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: See Par. 5. Units somewhat understrength and need extensive training.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATION: See Par. 5. Uni

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt. 142d Inf.

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AFO # 36, U. S. ARMY

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JOURNAL

FROM: 260000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 262400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

MAP : FRANCE 1:50,000

Date: 26 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OP MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC. SECRET	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0040		1			S-2 143 Inf states their OP in BISCHWILLER reported (sound) approximately three enemy tanks moving W about 800 yds E of town.	
0050	0050	2			CO 3rd Bn phoned and states Plat sized patrol was engaged in small arms fight approximately ten minutes after departing.	
	0215	3			G-3 given situation.	
0245		4			CO 3rd Bn phoned and patrol crossed river on ice and did not use rubber boats. Patrol was platoon strength with extra bazooka team. Vic 193 grid line their presence discovered by a dog which alerted enemy and resulted in a brisk fire fight. No PWs taken, but it is thought numerous casualties suffered by our patrol and enemy appeared to have strong defense in that sector. CO 3rd Bn states Engrs report will finish mines by 0300 and request searchlights be turned on at 0315A. G-3 notified.	
0920		5			G-2 phoned and states both bridgeheads are now cleared. Enemy withdrew from SCHWEIGHAUSEN during night. Took 260 PWs and estimated 1000 casualties.	
	0930	6			S-3 notified S-3 443 AAA that there was a change of location and mission for tonight. Will stop at this Hq for further details. Fired 35 37mm and 4500 50 Cal shells into ROHRWILLER last night.	
0935		7			143 Inf phoned and requested an Engr officer who knew AP mine locations laid in front of our 1st Bn report to 1st Bn 143 Inf CO and show an officer of that Bn exact location of mines. S-2 made arrangements with Engr Ln C for guide.	
	0950	8			G-3 given situation.	
1010		9			G-3 phoned and requested information as to enemy contact by Bn of 315 Inf on our left.	

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FROM: 260000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 262400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

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TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1015	10			Lt Col Gillette left for 1st Bn CP.	
1017		11			G-3 phoned and CG wants 3rd Bn to send a rcn patrol to OBERHOFFEN to determine if enemy has withdrawn. Enemy has withdrawn in 79th Inf sector.	
	1019	12			CO phoned CO 3rd Bn and ordered rcn patrol go to vicinity 099195 or until contact is made in strength with enemy.	
	1050	13			G-3 given situation.	
1115		14			CO 1st Bn phoned and discussed mine field locations. CO 1st Bn states he has explained and shown the locations to S-2 and on up to CO of 143 Inf.	
1116		15			Div phoned and was told MODER River is frozen.	
1145		16			CO 3rd Bn notified S-3 that rcn patrol is on way and using rubber boat to cross river. Four enemy observed vicinity 19 northing and patrol has killed three with no reaction. About 0700A 3 rounds of 120mm fell near blown bridge site to NE. S-3 notified CO that Flak wagons would go in position to left of town tonight to harass OBERHOFFEN.	
	1300	17			S-3 left for 1st and 2nd Bn CPs.	
13	1320	18			CO phoned CO 3rd Bn to send out 3 man rcn patrols anytime after dark. To get all the information possible. To send them to following points: 115188-126186-125178-114168.	
1345		19			S-3 3rd Bn reports that Co I has sighted a platoon of infantry entering insane asylum in OBERHOFFEN at approx 097196. Co I has a patrol working in that area now so arty is not being fired. 150 unused German snow suits have been found in BISCHWILLER factory.	
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FROM: 260000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 262400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

MAP : FRANCE 1:50,000

Date: 26 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1420		20			S-3 443 AAA called. Said mission for Flak wagons for tonight was too short a range. CO 142 asked him to check again to see if guns couldn't be depressed.	
1430		21			S-2 3rd Bn reports Co I is laying low to ambush Germans seen on far side of river.	
1440		22			S-3 111 Engr Bn called. Would like priority of Engr work wanted for tomorrow.	
1455		23			CO 3rd Bn called and gave situation to Col Lynch. Co I watching Germans on far side of river with orders to send a patrol across to lay ambush. Col Lynch said not to use Arty but wait for opportunity with small arms.	
	1455	24			Lt Col Gillette left for S-4	
1500		25			Capt Hunley, S-3, returned to CP.	
	1502	26			S-3 gave Engr Ln O list of priority items: wire, AT mines and (AP mines to be put in at discretion of Bn CO for positions).	
1504		26			Gen Hess arrived at CP. Left at 1515A.	
1540		27			S-2 3rd Bn phoned and they are holding a woman (Madam FORTEL) at their CP who states she is from 7th Army SSS Station B and wants to go through our lines to ROHRWILLER before dark. Capt Sullivan, Regt S-2, checked with CIC 36 Div and they state they have no records. Will send a CTC man to 3rd Bn CP immediately.	
1705		28			Lt Col Gillette returned to CP.	
1735		29			CO 3rd Bn phoned and states Bn OP reports 2 yellow enemy flares approx 1 min apart went up over OBERHOFEN. Requested information. Bn sending 4 recon patrols to front tonight.	

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FROM: 260000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 262400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

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Date: 26 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OF MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1737	30			G-3 given situation.	
1748		31			S-3 443 AAA phoned and states could find only one position in area given. At this point can fire only one gun at one target. Cannot fire 37-mm. S-3 142 Inf told the AAA S-3 that more information on instructions would be phoned later.	
	1756	32			S-3 notified S-3 443 AAA that it was Col Lynch's orders to go ahead with original schedule at the one position selected in NE edge of town.	
	1810	33			S-3 315 Inf notified that a Flak wagon would fire 50 Cal into OBERHOFFEN at 2100A and 2300A.	
1835		34			G-2 phoned and TACT 'R' observed approx 150 canvas covered vehicles moving S from SELTZ to DRUSENHEIM. Might have been personnel.	
	1854	35			S-3 arranged with S-3 3rd Bn for a guide for Engr officer. Engrs to complete mines tonight.	
	1923	36			Lt Col Gillette phoned 3rd Bn and requested that one of the captured snow suits be sent to this Hq.	
	1930	37			G-2 given situation.	
	1930	38			Lt Col Gillette talked with Maj Lowery on details of trench foot.	
1935		39			S-3 3rd Bn phoned and enemy still shooting yellow and red flares over OBERHOFFEN. 315th Inf states they observed column of american jeeps moving from SCHIRRHAIN into OBERHOFFEN this PM at 1600A.	
1945		40			Div called S-2. Wants 3rd Bn to make raid tomorrow night. S-2 notified 3rd Bn, Capt Knox.	
2005		41			Capt Groom, TDs, called. S-3 gave him situation.	
	2120	42			G-2 given situation. All quiet.	

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FROM: 260000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 262400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

MAP : FRANCE, 1:50,000

Date: 26 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	2125	43			Capt Terrell checked with 3rd Bn who state Flak wagon was going to fire immediately. Firing late due to adjacent unit patrol in area.	
	2135	44			G-3 given situation. All quiet.	
2153		45			3rd Bn called. Capt Crocker, CO Co L, reports his right platoon sighted red flare in ROHRWILLER.	
2235		46			CO 3rd Bn reported patrol # 4, Co L, to 114168 left at 1910A. Went along S bank of north stream in GS 1017 to 112173. At this point there are two bridges. When patrol reached 2nd bridge two Germans arose out of foxhole at 113172. Observed Germans about 15 min. Heard armor to right. Crawled to south stream and worked back. One enemy seen running to road. After 45 min on way back patrol received 3 rounds of light mortar, fell 60 to 100 yds of them.	
	2335	47			Div given situation.	
2340		48			3rd Bn # 1 patrol Co I left at 1900A. Followed trail to objective 115188, footprints E to W on trail. No contact and observed nothing. Retd 2200. # 2 patrol Co K left 1915A, went to 126186, followed trail to edge of woods, went into woods. No contact. Returned 2215A. # 3 Co K objective 125178. Followed trail to 115180, then E along 18 grid to objective. Observed 2 people come out of ROHRWILLER go NE toward edge of woods, remained a few minutes, then went back. Patrol heard rumbling noise in ROHRWILLER at about 2100A. No contact. Patrol returned at 2215A.	
2343		49			3rd Bn observed 5 yellow para flares over OBERHOFFEN. A patrol being sent to OBERHOFFEN to make contact. Will leave about 0015A. # 3 patrol being sent out again. Bn received approx 15 rds arty and mortar today.	
2400		50			443 AW reported they fired 1400 rds from 093190 onto target area. Recd no counter battery.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 193

Hq 142 RCT
CP GRIES (0617)
261200A Jan 1945

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FROM: 251200A Jan. 1945
TO : 261200A Jan. 1945

Maps: FRANCE 1:50,000, Sheet XXXVIII 14 and 15

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. Left flank - 315th Inf held defensive line with no reported enemy contact.
 - b. Right flank - 143 Inf held defensive line with only light patrol contact.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold and heavy snowfall. Visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. 1st Bn relieved by 1st Bn 143 Inf at 2325A and closed in GRIES at 2400A.
 - b. 3rd Bn sent a raiding party of platoon strength with bazooka team attached to S outskirts of OBERHOPFEN at 2400A. Patrol crossed river on ice and reach approximately 193 northing when presence was discovered by a barking dog. Engaged enemy in stiff fire fight, inflicting numerous casualties. Patrol returned at 0230A suffering no casualties.
 - c. No further contact with enemy reported during period. At 0700A four rounds of 120mm mortar fell vicinity blown bridge in NE edge of BISCHWILLER.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good. RCT in need of further training.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATION: See paragraphs 5.a, b and c.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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APO # 36, U. S. ARMY

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JOURNAL

FROM: 270000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO: 272400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

REF: FRANCE, 1:50;000

Date: 27 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR MSG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
IN	OUT					
	0010	1			Capt Terrell notified Searchlight Bn to turn lights on at 0400A.	
	0140	2			G-3 given situation and above reports on patrols.	
0410		3			CO Searchlight Bn states all lights in action.	
0415		4			S-3 3rd Bn phoned patrol from Co I that left at 0030A arrived in at 0410A. Crossed river near blown bridge 096186, worked NE to building at 098188 where they encountered enemy outpost, from there worked W around buildings and encountered enemy outpost, went to Hwy and observed enemy. Returned around the buildings, the center of which is 098189. Enemy strength estimated to be a platoon. G-2 given situation.	
0900		5			S-3 3rd Bn reports Co I outposts shot at a 4-man enemy patrol vic 097187 at 0830A, killed 1, wounded 1 and 2 escaped. The patrol was supposedly attempting to reach blown bridge. Flak wagons fired at 2130 and 2315A. Were delayed because of Engrs.	
0908		6			S-3 111 Engr phoned asking if we had any work for them. S-3 discussed the situation with him.	
1020		7			Gen Stack arrived at CP.	
1030		8			CO 143 Inf came to CP to discuss future plans with Gen Hack and CO 142 Inf.	
	1145	9			Gen Stack and Col Denholm left CP.	
	1250	10			CO instructed S-2 to order air photos of OBERHOFFEN.	
	1200	11			S-2 phoned G-2 and ordered a minimum of 20 air photos with town of OBERHOFFEN as center of photo.	
1315		12			G-2 phoned and states air photo officer now at Corps Hq and will bring (1) photo of requested area. Photos in quantity to arrive later.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 270000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 272400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

MAP : FRANCE 1:50,000

Date: 27 Jan 1945

TIME		SERIAL NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1335	13			Col Lynch left for 2nd and 1st Bn CPs.	
	1407	14			Exec O talked to CO Hq Co in regards to transfer of men to MP Det.	
	1410	15			Exec O phoned Mr Snyder, Asst Adj, and gave him the names of three men to be transferred from Rifle Cos to Regt MP Det.	
1525		16			S-3 443 AAA phoned asking if CO 142 Inf had any orders for them tonight. Capt Hunley stated none at present and believed there would not be any for tonight.	
1600		17			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
1645		18			G-2 phoned for information on the MODER RIVER. S-2 gave him the information that water frozen at 096 bridge, river is tank obstacle.	
1648	1648	19			S-2 phoned S-3 3rd Bn who stated men have broken through ice at both bridges. Patrols cross by board at bridge 096. Rcn patrols will leave tonight between 1900A and 2000A to S of OBERHOFFEN, to woods 128185, to check bridges across streams SE of ROHRWILLER and to same obj as had last night but continue on through ROHRWILLER. No raiding patrol to OBERHOFFEN tonight according to arrangements between Col Lynch and CO 3rd Bn.	
	1650	20			S-2 phoned G-2 on above information. G-2 suggested S-2 take situation up with Col Lynch then notify him.	
	1655	21			Col Lynch phoned Gen Dahlquist on raiding patrol for tonight, suggested that it not be made in view of coming attack. Gen stated higher Hq had lost contact with 10th enemy Div and had ordered 2 raids per week to get PWs for information on troops. The attack will not take place for a week or until Corps releases 141 Inf and CC of 14th Armd. Col Lynch stated a patrol would go out and Gen suggested it	

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FROM: 270000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 272400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

MAP : FRANCE 1:50,000

Date: 27 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
	1700	22			S-2 phoned S-3 3rd Bn and gave Col Lynch's orders for a raiding patrol to go to buildings vic 19 northing. Patrol to be a squad with mission to grab 2 or 3 PWs. Co L right platoon just returned in a PW who walked into their lines after a mortar concentration on some buildings in that vicinity by our troops. PW from 2nd Bn 192 PGR, states outfit in OBERHOFFEN.	
	1703	23			S-2 phoned G-2 and notified him that Col Lynch had talked to Gen Dahlquist and a raid would take place vic 19 northing. S-2 gave G-2 information that 3rd Bn had 1 PW from 2nd Bn 192 PGR in OBERHOFFEN. G-2 asked if any tracked vehicles had been heard today. S-2 said no, just 4 or 5 trucks moving N and S from ROHRWILLER. Any Arty in sector today. No, just some r rounds of SP in BISCHWILLER earlier in morning.	
1745		24			S-3 3rd Bn called. Co L mortar observer reports hearing an estimate 6 or 7 tanks vic ROHRWILLER.	
	1825	25			G-3 given situation.	
1825		26			IPW reports 3rd Bn PW from 6th Co, 192 Regt, 21Pz Div. G-2 notified.	
1945		27			S-3 3rd Bn phoned that their OP heard heavy tracked vehicle movement in OBERHOFFEN and ROHRWILLER.	
2115		28			S-3 3rd Bn phoned that some 12 enemy vehicles at 150199 using black-out lights moving SE. Our Arty firing on them. G-2 notified.	
2300		29			CO 3rd Bn reports that the unit on their left fired a TOT into Camp OBERHOFFEN.	
2315		30			CO 3rd Bn gave patrol report. Left outpost at 100-183 at 1830A moved E on Az 85° where they reached the woods at 129187. Patrol proceeded into woods 200 yds, saw no sign of enemy and did not hear any. Went to 150189, saw footprints. Ret at 2230A. G-2 notified.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 194

Hq 142 RCT
GP GRIES (0617.)
271200A Jan 1945

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FROM: 261200A Jan. 1945
TO : 271200A Jan. 1945

Maps: FRANCE 1:50,000, Sheet XXXVIII 14 and 15.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold and snow. Visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT held defensive line with only light patrol contact with enemy. 3rd Bn observed several yellow and red flares over OBERHOFFEN and ROHRWILLER area during night. At 0830A a 4-man enemy patrol vicinity 097187 engaged by Co I outpost on E side of MODER river. Outpost reports 1 killed, 1 wounded and 2 escaped. Rcn patrols reached as far east as 125177 without contact with enemy.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good. RCT in need of training.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATION: See paragraph 5.a.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.,
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AFO # 36, U. S. ARMY

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JOURNAL

FROM: 280000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO: 282400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

MAP: FRANCE 1:50,000

Date: 28 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OF DET.	TYPE OF MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
IN	OUT					
0010		1			CO 3rd Bn reported patrol # 3 left Co I outpost at 1845A, returned 2245A. Followed course parallel to the BISCHWILLER - ROHRWILLER main highway, crossed stream about 50 yds W of blown bridge at 103184. Checked ice for distance of about 700 yds E of bridge, not strong enough to hold a man. Continued E keeping 200 yds to right of highway. Entered ROHRWILLER via secondary road. At 125125 observed men dress in dark clothing but could not tell whether they were soldiers. Continued down street to 126177, observed no vehicles or tracks nor heard any movement. One building was lighted. G-2 notified.	
	0300	2			G-3 given situation.	
0450		3			Lt Cameron, 3rd Bn, reports rcn patrol to OBERHOFFEN went across river 103184 and then along dry stream bed to buildings 098193 where they searched for enemy but found nothing except empty foxholes. Returned via same route.	
	0508	4			G-3 given situation.	
	0620	5			G-2 given situation.	
0655		6			Lt Johnson phoned that a 15-man German patrol came into Co I's 2nd platoon position on the road. Came to within 75 yds when Co I open up killing 3 and wounding 4 or 5. Saw wounded go into mill. Sending patrol to get wounded Germans.	
	0800	7			G-2 given situation and requested patrol information.	
0805	0805	8			G-2 phoned 3rd Bn and requested more detailed information on patrols.	
	0810	9			G-3 given situation.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 280000A Jan 1945 Organization: 142 Inf
TO : 282400A Jan 1945 Place: CP GRIES
MAP : FRANCE 1:50,000 Date: 28 Jan 1945

TIME		SL NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
IN	OUT					
0850		10			G-3 3rd Bn phoned and gave full details of patrols to S-2. Combat patrol left vic 096187 at 0200A and reached 098189. Examined large two story house where enemy had previously been observed digging in. Examined house and found several empty holes but no enemy. Patrol returned. Rcn patrol S of ROHR- WILLER left 1645A returned 2245A. Reached vicinity 115170 and observed two enemy walking along row of trees. Observed 5 enemy about 50 yds away moving about as if they were trying to keep warm. Patrol returned.	
	0900	11			S-2 gave full patrol reports to G-2.	
0905		12			G-3 phoned Col Lynch and stated there is an OI being distributed. 142 RCT to relieve 1st Bn 143 RCT tonight beginning at 1800A. Col Lynch brought up question that 143 trps had only been in position 3 days. G-3 stated that it was the General's plans to start on three day basis.	
0910		13			Exec 0 of 143 Inf phoned S-3 in regards to relief tonight.	
	0915	14			S-3 phoned S-3 143 Inf and checked on present sector of 1st Bn 143 Inf. Sector for 142 will be same as was before 143 took it over. Attachments would be same. There are now 4 TDs in assembly area along KURTZENHAUSEN - BISCHWILLER road so crews could get some rest.	
0925		15			G-3 phoned Col Lynch on strength of 142 Rifle Cos as shown on daily G-3 report. CO states Cos are not that strong and requests a check be made. G-3 states he will check with G-1. CO asked why 143 Inf was so low. G-3 states they suffered heavy casualties in their 2nd Bn in large woods where 1st Bn 142 Inf was in position (0815)/ 3rd Bn Co L suffered heavy casualties E of WEYERSHEIM. CO stated he would have to make relief tonight with 2nd Bn and it had been favored for coming attack. (Cont'd)	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 280000A Jan 1945 Organization: 142 Inf
TO : 282400A Jan 1945 Place: CP GRIES
MAP : FRANCE 1:50,000 Date: 28 Jan 1945

TIME		S NO.	TIME OR DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
IN	OUT					
		15	(Cont'd)		G-3 states it is planned for 141 Inf to relieve 142 Inf within 3 days, or at least in sufficient time before attack develops.	
	0930	16			S-2 phoned S-3 3rd Bn for route of patrol leaving vicinity 103184. S-3 3rd Bn states patrol followed trail NE to 116190, then to vineyard to 124196.	
0937		17			Lt Evans, AT Co, phoned S-3 requesting permission to alternate personnel on guns to allow Co to take showers today. S-3 stated he would check with Lt Col Gillette and phone details later.	
	0940	17			S-3 phoned Lt Evans and stated it was permissible to take showers today providing every gun was kept operating by a sufficient crew.	
1000		19			CO 2nd Bn arrived at CP.	
	1030	20			Col Lynch called CO 3rd Bn in regards to 50 Cal. Send them back to 2nd Bn control. CO 3rd Bn reports the combat patrol is still out looking for the wounded PWs in the buildings.	
	1045	21			CO 2nd Bn left CP.	
1050		22			Gen Dahlquist arrived at CP.	
	1050	23			Capt Hunley, S-3, called Capt Marcum, 1st Bn, in regard to an overlay of mine fields for 2nd Bn. Reports they gave it to 143 Inf. Will send down for one.	
1100		24			Capt Knox, 3rd Bn, reports about 10 to 20 rounds nebelwerfer fell in 1st Bn 143 Inf sector, came from vicinity HIRRLISHEIM. Also about 4 or 5 rounds 81mm mortar fell in 3rd Bn sector.	
	1110	25			Lt Col Gillette called 3rd Bn regarding wearing German snow suits. Col Lynch does not want them to be worn.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 280000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 282400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

MAP : FRANCE 1:50,000

Date: 28 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME OR DATE	TYPE OR REG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
IN	OUT					
	1110	26			Gen Dahlquist left CP.	
	1120	27			S-3 gave situation to CO 1st Bn.	
	1125	28			S-2 gave situation to G-2, also information about 10 to 20 rounds nebelwerfer falling into HANHOFFEN and E edge of BISCHWILLER.	
1130		29			Div phoned S-3 about boundaries. The woods and creek inclusive to 142 RCT.	
	1143	30			S-3 checked with S-3 143 Inf on location decided upon for 1st Bn 143 Inf. They are to move to GEUDERTHEIM. Woods at 054147 to be used by either RCT. The AAA guns in position near edge of woods vicinity 077157 will remain.	
1155		31			Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch. States he has talked to CG VI Corps and he feels the enemy is withdrawing the 21SS Div and something large is developing. The Gen suggested we try to get the enemy outpost vicinity 115168 tonight. CO agreed that we would try. CO suggested a raid be made on enemy Bn CP in ROHRWILLER (near church). Gen granted permission.	
1220		32			S-3 443AAA Bn came to CP and arranged with Capt Hunley for flak wagons now dug in near woods 077157 to be pulled out after daybreak tomorrow.	
	1230	33			S-2 phoned 3rd Bn Exec Off in regards to enemy killed this morning. He stated the patrol found 4 dead enemy. Full details will be phoned later and records will be sent to this HQ.	
	1233	34			S-2 phoned above information to G-3. Maj Wren G-2 section states French found no enemy at bridge 115095, but enemy at lines vicinity 105082. Took PW this morning from 20th Mortar Bn 405 Div who states his Co crossed RHINE to Germany on unknown mission.	

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JOURNAL

FROM: 280000A Jan 1945

Organization: 142 Inf

TO : 282400A Jan 1945

Place: CP GRIES

MAP : FRANCE 1:50,000

Date: 28 Jan 1945

TIME		S. TIME NO.	DATE	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAK
IN	OUT					
1315		35			CO 3rd Bn reports they now have a 9-man outpost on 19 northing. Information from enemy killed this morning were from 9th Co 19th Regt 7th Para Div. Had American TNT and several blocks of German demolition which was being pulled behind them. Captured 2 MGs and 2 MP44, 1 bazooka with ammunition.	
	1317	36			S-2 gave above information to G-2.	
	1320	37			S-3 left for 1st Bn.	
1338		38			Capt Orcutt, G-3 section, phoned changed in Div OI - 142 RCT to get Co A (less 1 Plat) 83 Cml Bn.	
1343		39			S-3 returned to CP.	
	1348	40			CO phoned CO 2nd Bn and ordered Cos rotate every second night while up at front. Discussed precautions to be taken against trenchfoot. A reinforced platoon to be put in woods 073147.	
1400		41			CO 3rd Bn phoned Col Lynch for instructions on patrols tonight. CO states he is on way to 3rd Bn.	
	1402	42			Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn CP.	
	1404	43			Col Gillette phoned Mr Snyder, Asst S-1. Requested court-martial board meet as soon as possible so cases could be cleared while Regt in defense. Board of 4 officers from Regt to assist 4 officers from Div as follows: Maj Roberts, Capt Saniga, Capt Gillespie, and Lt . Meeting to be held in GRIES and Capt Saniga will find place.	
1517		44			Col Lynch arrived back to CP.	
	1535	45			G-3 given situation.	

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IN	OUT					
1545		46			Lt Kinsley, S-2 111 Engr Bn, called. 25% of Regt1 vehicles may be camouflaged tomorrow beginning 0800A. Place BRUMATH at 973153. A 4-man detail will be required. 5 minutes per vehicle figured for time.	
	1600	47			S-2 315 Inf informed not to send patrol to cross river in our sector tonight.	
1620		48			S-3 3rd Bn phoned and reports a 70 round concentration of nebelwerfer, 75 and 105mm fell from HANHOFFEN on N to include 3rd Bn CP. Several rounds fell on road leading from BISCHWILLER to GRIES vicinity 084180.	
	1625	49			G-2 notified of above.	
	1727	50			Exec O phoned S-4 and gave instructions for vehicles to be camouflaged by Engr at BRUMATH tomorrow. Schedule: 1st Bn 0800A 20 vehicles, 3rd Bn 0930A 20 vehicles, 2nd Bn 1100A 20 vehicles. Heavy weapons and Hq Co of Bns included in quota.	
1730		51			S-3 3rd Bn states they are operating 3 patrols tonight. OBERHOFFEN 1830A (combat). ROHRWILLER 1900A (combat). Woods vicinity 115167 1830A.	
1745		52			G-3 phoned and states recon party of 141 Inf will be at this Hq tomorrow morning in preparation to relieve 2nd Bn and Co L of 142 RCT tomorrow night. The attack will take place on the night of 30 Jan and continuation on night of 31 Jan 1st Feb. The plan is still on order of CG VI Corps, but date is set now for 30th. An OI will be down tonight.	
	1805	53			S-3 checked with 2nd Bn to see if relief had started. Answer: yes.	
	1808	53			S-3 checked with G-3 to see if they thought of not continuing relief of 1st Bn 143 Inf tonight. Ans: yes, but can said to continue it.	

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FROM: 280000A Jan 1945
TO: 282400A Jan 1945
MAP: FRANCE 1:50,000

Organization: 142 Inf
Place: CP GRIES
Date: 28 Jan 1945

TIME		SER. NO.	TIME OF DAY	TYPE OR REG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
1900		54			CO 3rd Bn reported following information. Nebelwerfer and 77mm SP fire at 1620 killed two civilians and wounded several. One 77mm dud entered Co L CP. Another shell wounded two in tank CP. 77mm firing from location E of ROHRWILLER. Nebelwerfer fire at 142° placing it vicinity HERRLISHEIM. At 1645A Co I left platoon area received 20 to 30 rounds of mortar. At 1745A 3rd Bn 315 Inf reported an enemy tank at 098193 moving S from OBERHOFFEN, but this was not heard by our Co I outpost. At 1830A 6 enemy reported digging in around barn at 090167. At 1845A Co I outpost heard tracked vehicle moving around in vicinity of OBERHOFFEN. Co I also reported hearing an estimate 150mm SP firing from 3000 yds distance on azimuth of 8 degrees. At 1850A 3rd Bn CP at 092190 heard gun firing on azimuth 30 degrees. Also activity and barking of dogs heard in OBERHOFFEN. Div G-2 notified.	
	1915	55			S-3 443 AAA notified to fire Flak wagons on OBERHOFFEN at 2330A and 0030A. Impact area is coordinates 0909. 3rd Bn notified.	
	1935	56			Searchlight Bn notified to turn lights on at 2400A.	
1945		57			315th Inf notified of change in time for Flak wagons to fire in OBERHOFFEN.	
	2125	58			Div G-3 phoned and S-3 gave them status of relief.	
	2150	59			S-3 checked with S-3 2nd Bn on progress of relief. 2nd Bn S-3 stated he believed it would be completed by 2230 or 2300A. No shelling since relief began.	
	2154	60			G02 given situation.	
2245		61			S-3 2nd Bn phoned and relief of 1st Bn 143 Inf now complete. G-3 notified.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 195

Hq 142 RCT
CP GRIES (0617)
281200A Jan 1945

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FROM: 271200A Jan. 1945
TO : 281200A Jan. 1945

Maps: FRANCE 1:50,000, Sheets XXXVIII 14 and 15.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: No change.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS: No change.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold and snow. Visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT held defensive line during period with very little enemy activity reported. Enemy threw sporadic arty, mortar and nebelwerfer fire during latter part of period vicinity BISCHWILLER.
 - b. Enemy patrol attempted to enter our positions in NE edge of BISCHWILLER at 0630A and Co I outposts vic 097187 killed two and wounded several. Identification was 9th and 11th Cos, 19th Regt, 7th Para Div. Our patrols to E vicinity ROHRWILLER during night made no enemy contact.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATION: See paragraph 5.

JOHN B. HUNLEY,
Capt., 142d Inf.
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FROM: 290000A Jan 1945 Organization: 142 Inf
TO: 292400A Jan 1945 Place: CP GRIES
MAP: FRANCE 1:50,000 Date: 29 Jan 1945

TIME		SER NO.	TIME DATED	TYPE OR MSG.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT					
0001		1			S-3 3rd Bn phoned following: Co K patrol left 1920A with mission of going to vicinity church and getting PWs. At 1930A saw convoy of trucks (number unknown) moving N vicinity 130168 and 300 to 400 yds left of highway saw muzzle blast of 4 or 5 tanks firing. Reached 124176 about 200 yds NW edge of town and received three quick shots from direction of town. Patrol withdrew 500 yds and listened. Heard a wagon in town. Saw no lights. Returned 2255A. Co I Patrol left 2000A with mission of ambushing in OBERHOFFEN. Patrol reached vicinity 098192 and observed for one hour and saw no enemy or enemy vehicles, returned 2230A. Same patrol to go back at 0200A to vicinity 100198 and establish ambush for one or two hours as originally ordered.	
0035		2			Searchlight Bn reports that they have been in action since 2400A.	
0100		3			S-3 443 AAA phoned in that they completed firing of 1500 rounds into OBERHOFFEN. Also that they had started a fire in town.	
0125		4			3rd Bn reports that two enemy were observed coming toward Co I outpost 097188. The outpost let them come in and yelled halt, both dropped their guns and ran a bit farther back three more were observed running away. Also there was five enemy observed milling around in front of Co I left platoon in 097192 in front of the mine field. Fired mortar on them. Believe to have crossed river in 315th Inf sector.	
	0145	5			G-2 given situation.	
0200		6			3rd Bn patrol report - 5-man from Co L - left 1930A and returned at 0030A. Proceeded to a point 105174 where they heard coughing vicinity 108180, then five shots came from the direction of Co I outpost, thought that it was an M-1 rifle. (Cont'd)	

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Organization: 142 Inf
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IN	OUT					
		6	(Cont'd)		Then went to 110170, then on to 113171 where they heard Germans talking in the woods SE of them, number unknown. Think they observed a flashlight at 118173. Heard one tracked vehicle vicinity NE of ROHRWILLER. Observed artillery firing from direction of HERRLISHEIM some distance away. Stream from points 095170 to 113172 is about six feet wide. Believe that they could not cross it. Came back along stream to trail and stream crossing at 095170, then W into position. Traveled about 50 yds at a time and stopped and listened, could not hear anything to the S. Also, at 1030A saw an orange flare go up in OBERHOFFEN.	
0520		7			3rd Bn reports no activity except two shells landing in Co L area at 0330A from E direction.	
	0525	8			G-2 given situation.	
0535		9			Co I ambush patrol at 0330A came upon enemy at fork of road at 098194. Patrol was forced to disperse and return under fire.	
	0630	10			G-2 and G-3 given situation.	
0928		11			G-3 phoned S-3 and states objective A to be 30 Jan and objective B Feb 1. CO 111 Engr will be at CP this morning to get instructions for placing of equipment for bridge at 096187. More details later.	
0955		12			Div phoned and requested following information be given 141 RCT when their representative arrives at 142 BP: "RCT to detruck and assemble at WEITBRUCH". They cross IP from original area at 1300A today.	
	1005	13			S-3 phoned CO 2nd Bn and notified him Col Lynch states the plans discussed would materialize and 2nd Bn would be relieved tonight. CO 2nd Bn can begin study of situation and start the issue of orders to Co commanders.	

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IN	OUT					
1020		14			CO 2nd Bn 141 Inf and rcn party came to CP and were given instructions for relief of 2nd Bn 142.	
	1040	15			S-3 phoned CO 2nd Bn 142 RCT and notified him to have Co CO available for 141 RCT Rcn party who is on way to 2nd Bn CP.	
	1045	16			141 RCT Rcn party left for 2nd Bn CP.	
1100		17			CO 111 Engr came to CP to discuss bridging plans with CO 142 RCT.	
	1110	18			CO phoned G-3 in regards to constructing bridges tonight. G-3 states only bridge to be constructed is SE one and if recon shows one can be made in reasonable time that one will also wait until tomorrow night. G-3 will discuss situation with CO 111 Engr and straighten matter out.	
1130		19			Capt Fisher reports that one of our spitfire planes was shot down in the 1318 grid. Co I outpost reports seeing the plane come out of the clouds burning and that the pilot was still in the plane when last seen.	
	1135	20			S-2 phoned S-3 3rd Bn in regards to terrain to front. S-3 stated no vineyards and ground covered with low bushes widely spaced. One friendly plane shot down and now burning vicinity 108160. Pilot not believed to have escaped.	
	1138	21			S-2 gave above information to G-2.	
	1200	22			CO 3rd Bn notified of relief of Co L by AT Co 141. Co L complete with attached weapons moves to vicinity Co K. Notified to screen relief.	
1220		23			Lt Hamilton, 2nd Bn, reports that estimated 150 rounds self-propelled, mortar, long range arty fell in their sector between 1150A and 1215A. So far 2 KIA and 10 WIA.	

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Organization: 142 Inf
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IN	OUT					
1223		24			S-3 3rd Bn reports that patrol found nothing at barn except sheep which was probably what was taken for enemy earlier.	
	1248	25			G-2 given situation.	
	1249	26			Exec C called CO 2nd Bn. To send quartering party to this Hq at 1500A today for billeting the troops tomorrow in BISCHWILLER.	
	1310	27			Exec C notified the following: CO Cn; CO AT; Surg; CO Hq Co; COs 1st, 2nd, 3rd Bns; to be here at this Hq for a meeting at 2000A hours, also CO 132 FA and Capt Graham Co A 636 TD Bn.	
	1400	28			S-4 notified to attend meeting at this Hq at 2000A hours tonight.	
	1405	29			Maj McNeal, 753 Tk Bn, notified that Co B would move to BISCHWILLER on D-1 Jan.	
1410		30			S-2 315th RCT phoned and notified S-2 142 RCT that they were going to throw some smoke and indirect 30 Cal fire in OBERHOFFEN vicinity church. There are a couple outposts on N edge of town that we are going to try and get tonight.	
1500		31			S-3 3rd Bn reports patrols will leave between 2100A and 2200A tonight.	
1515		32			Div G-3 reported following information from French: This morning between 0900-1000 French heard explosions vicinity GAMBESHEIM (from KILSTETT). They discovered by both ground and air observation bridges blown at 098095, 087111, 115094, 117093. A plane over GAMBESHEIM saw nothing and drew no fire. Patrols were sent to investigate. Patrol to GAMBESHEIM got within 400 yds of town, received A/W fire from E and SE. Another to road at 090112 received mortar fire from STANWALD woods at 105111. Another to No report yet from patrol to 083108.	

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IN	OUT					
		43	(Cont'd)		to put two Bns in BISCHWILLER instead of one as planned. All right. New OI with some changes coming out tonight. Col Lynch wants all concerned to understand possibility of delay in the major attack if first phase (2nd Bn attack on OBERHOFFEN) is not accomplished in one day.	
	1930	44			S-3 asked S-3 3rd Bn if stream could be crossed readily at old mill. Capt Knox thought a foot-bridge elsewhere would be better.	
2000		45			Col Lynch held meeting of units COs and staff.	
2020		46			Maj Ressijac wants Capt Hunley to call him.	
2030		47			S-3 3rd Bn reports Co L relieved by 141 AT Co. Div notified.	
2040		48			S-2 2nd Bn gave report of 2nd Bn patrol. Left at 1830A to investigate smoke seen at creek bed at 090147, found nothing there but went north. Passed an American halftrack, then came upon a tank at 093148 which they presumed to be German but may have been a KO'd American. Saw one man enter tank. Patrol went to within listening distance of wooded patch at 093143 and heard activity within.	
2120		49			Maj Ressijac asked S-3 what the left boundary of Co L positions were.	
2125		50			G-2 phoned to check on photo situation.	
2200		51			Capt Wren called. Asked if BINGO on patch of woods at 093143 was all right for 2215A. S-2 said he would check with CO 2nd Bn. 2nd Bn does not want BINGO before relief is completed, not before 2345A. Div G-2 notified. Said BINGO might be arranged after 2345A.	
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IN	OUT					
	2220	52			Searchlight Btry notified to turn on lights on at 2400A.	
2230		53			G-2 reported that French sent a combat patrol to GAMBSHEIM at 2000A tonight. Patrol met considerable small arms fire though less than previous missions.	
2300		54			2nd Bn reports relief completed. Div notified.	
2320		55			143 Inf asked if TD firing would interfere with their patrols. Ans No. TDs notified of this	
2330		56			3rd Bn said patrols would not interfere with TD fire.	
2340		57			Div Ln 0 brought in oblique photo. G-2 and G-3 reports.	
2350		58			Capt Groom, CO Co A 636 TD Bn, said he was about to fire.	

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291800A Jan 45

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Maps: FRANCE 1:50,000, Sheets XXXVIII 14, 15 and XXXIX 14, 15.

a. See current intelligence reports.

- (1) 35th Inf Div attacks H-hour 1 Feb 45, clears enemy W of RUINE RIVER S of line OBERHOFEN (R-0920) - DRUSSENHEIM (R-1618) inclusive.
- (2) 79th Inf Div conducts limited obj atk H-hour 1 Feb 45 to restore CPLR in sector.
- (3) RCT 143 atks on right of RCT 142 H-hour 1 Feb 45, secures ROHWILLER (R-1217), HERRLISHEIM (R-1314) and OBERNDORF (R-1312), obj's X, Y, Z respectively.
- (4) RCT 141 secures obj line "A" upon capture of ROHWILLER, and seizes obj "R" in conj action with atk on HERRLISHEIM by RCT 143.

b. RCT 142:

Atchd:

- Co B 111 Med Bn
- Co B 753 Tk Bn
- Co A 536 TD Bn
- Co A 83 Cal Wpn Bn (less one plat)
- One (1) Plat Co B 111 Engr (C) I

- (1) Elements S of BIECHWILLER relieved from pos by one (1) Bn and AT Co 141 RCT beginning 291800A Jan 45.
- (2) Atks H-hour 30 Jan 45, seizes and occupies OBERHOFEN (R-0920) with one (1) Bn rainf.
- (3) Atks in Div left zone of action H-hour 1 Feb 45, secures woods vic (R-1318) and DRUSSENHEIM (R-1618).
- (4) Organizes and defends line S of OBERHOFEN (R-0920) DRUSSENHEIM (R-1618) after capture of DRUSSENHEIM.

c. 1st Bn:

Atchd:

- Co B 753 Tk Bn
- Co A 83 Cal Wpn Bn
- One (1) Plat AT Co 142 Inf

Atchd: becomes effective after 2nd Bn has secured town of OBERHOFEN by 0100 14 Feb 45

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- (1) Moves from Gail's morning of 31 Jan 45 closing in fwd assy area (center of OBERHOFFEN R-0920) by 311200A Jan.
- (2) Atks night 31 Jan 1 Feb 45 crossing LD # 2 (see overlay) at H-hour.
 - (a) Advances two (2) Cos abreast, seizes obj # 1 and 2, and then obj # 3.
 - (b) Mops up area from obj # 3 to RHINE RIVER and places outposts as shown on overlay.
 - (c) Destroys bridge at RHINE RIVER SE of DRUSENHEIM if still serviceable.
 - (d) Organizes obj # 3 for all around defense.
 - (e) Establishes contact with 3rd Bn on right of contact points designated on overlay.

b. 2nd Bn:

Atchd:

Co A 636 TD Bn
Co A (less one plat) B3 Cml Wpns Bn
AT Co 142 Inf

(Atchmts effective 301200A Jan 1945)

- (1) Relieved from present defensive pos by one (1) Bn NCT 141 beginning 291800A Jan 45.
- (2) Upon relief assembles in BRIE - and 30 Jan 45 moves to fwd assy area in BISCHVILLER (see overlay) closing by 1800A.
- (3) Atks 30 Feb 45 crossing LD # 1.
 - (a) Right column crosses LD at H-hour, middle column at H plus 1 hour and left column at H plus 2 hours.
 - (b) Adv in three columns, each column securing successive obj as shown on overlay.
 - (c) Organizes town of OBERHOFFEN for defense from NW to SE.
- (4) Is relieved on 1 Feb at OBERHOFFEN by CGR 14 Armd Div 31 Jan 45, and upon relief assembles BISCHVILLER (NW end).

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- (5) For initial obj's have been secured by 1st Bn. on order of this Hq to obj's 1 and 2 (see overlay) by shortest route and organized for defense from 1st to 2nd. (Attachments for this phase:)
1. Plat Co A 636 TD Bn.
2. Plat AT Co 142 Inf.

- (6) Protects Div. left flank.

3rd Bn. is to be held in reserve for the 1st Bn.

Also:

- One (1) Plat Co A 636 TD Bn.
One (1) Plat Co A 83 Cal Tpn Bn.
One (1) Plat AT Co 142 Inf.

(Attachments become effective after and Bn has secured town of CHAMOROFFAN and has been relieved by COB 14th Arm Div.)

- (1) 1st Co is relieved on pos of 1st Co 141 beginning 201800A Jan 45 and upon being relieved assembles in area adjacent to present pos. closing by 222400A.

- (2) Remainder of Bn assembles on order of this Hq 31 Jan 45 in vic of present Bn pos.

- (3) At 1 Feb 45 crossing RD 7/8 (see overlay) at H-hour.

(4) Give two (2) elements, and one (1) successive elements via 7/8 to 2nd Bn.

(5) Give one (1) element to 1st Bn from 7/8 to the 2nd Bn. Give 2nd Bn and 1st Bn to 2nd Bn as designated on overlay.

(6) Organize obj's 3 for all around defense.

(7) Report and report situation as well as contact points designated on overlay.

(8) After 2200 hours, 1st Bn. to be relieved by 2nd Bn. as designated on overlay.

(9) 1st Bn. to be held in reserve for the 2nd Bn.

(10) In case of 1st Bn. 1st Bn. to be held in reserve for the 2nd Bn.

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f. AT Co 142 Inf:

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- (1) Remains present defensive positions until relieved either by elements 141 ACT or by orders this Hq.
 - (2) Entire Co atchd to 2nd Bn for atk on OBERHOFFEN.
 - (3) After OBERHOFFEN is secured, and 2nd Bn is relieved by COB 14 Armd Div, assembles center of OBERHOFFEN (see overlay).
 - (4) Attaches one (1) gun plat (reinf) to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Bns each.

g. Cn Co 142 Inf:

- (1) Reconnoiters and occupies positions via (R-074184) by 301200A Jan 45.
- (2) Reinforces fires of 132 FA Bn.

h. Co B 763 Tk Bn:

- (1) Moves from present defensive positions to fwd assy area in BIESCHWILLER (see overlay), closing not later than noon 31 Jan 45.
- (2) Attached to 1st Bn effective 311200A Jan 45.

i. Co A 636 TD Bn:

- (1) Remains present defensive positions until relieved by other elements or by orders of this Hq.
- (2) Co atchd to 2nd Bn for atk on OBERHOFFEN.
- (3) Upon relief of 2nd Bn at OBERHOFFEN, one (1) plat atchd to 2nd Bn, one (1) plat to 3rd Bn, remainder of Co in Regt res at BIESCHWILLER (S and).

j. Co A 85 Cal Wpn Bn (less one plat):

- (1) Reconnoiters and occupies positions via BIESCHWILLER with two (2) plats by dawn 30 Jan 45.
- (2) Supports with two (2) plats atk of 2nd Bn on OBERHOFFEN 30 Jan 45.
- (3) Supports 1st and 3rd Bns with one (1) plat each on atk to RHINE RIVER 1 Feb 45.
- (4) POCs to each attacking Bn.

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k. One (1) Plat Co B 111 Engns:

- (1) Prepares and places two (2) footbridges across MODER RIVER via BISCHWILLER, completing work by H-hour 30 Jan 45. (Plan as designated by Ct 2d Bn).
- (2) Continues to sup regt as directed by this Hq.

l. Hq Co 142 Inf (plus Med Det):

- (1) Moves to BISCHWILLER 31 Jan 45.

m. Serv Co: No change.

n. Co B 111 Med Bn: No change.

- (1) White capes will be furnished all assault troops.
- (2) Enemy outposts will be reduced as silently as possible.
- (3) Inf agents from atchd or supporting units not engaging in the initial assault will accompany assault Bn Centre.
- (4) Element of silence will be maintained as long as possible.
- (5) Upon capture, enemy guns or tanks will be damaged with demolitions.
- (6) Units will use reference points in par 5.b. in comm to report locations.
- (7) Search lights will operate on night of atk only on order. They will remain out until all assault units have engaged the enemy.

a. Ammo: SOP.

b. Rations: SOP.

c. Evacuations: As at present.

d. a. Current SOI in effect.

b. Reference points:

- # 1 - ROHWILLER
- # 2 - Hd at (R-145199)
- # 3 - RR Cr at (R-154184)
- # 4 - CR at (R-170174)
- # 5 - (R-136170)
- # 6 - (R-148172)

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2. Pyrotechnics.

Red, Red - Lift Arty
White, White - We are here
Green, Green - Enemy CA

3. (1) Eng report GPs.

(2) Host GP - initially at BISCHMILLER.

(3) Axis of comm - BISCHMILLER - ROCHFELDER.

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OFFICIALS

HUMLEY:
3-3

Atchds:
ARHST # 1 - Gms Overlay

Distr:
All pty concerned

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0020		1			CO 3rd Bn called. # 2 patrol - Co I - left at 2030A from 102183 with mission of going to woods at 148178. Patrol got to 127186 where drew fire of two machine pistols and rifle fire. Withdrew and moved S to approach woods again. Received fire again at 127182, not the same group patrol leader believes. Withdrew. Observed a 10-man patrol moving SE in vicinity 128190. Patrol returned at 2400A. G-2 notified.	
0300		2			3rd Bn reports # 3 patrol left 2130A returned 0120A. Co L - 10-man - r missing. Reached point 200 yards NW of ROHRWILLER, observed man running from building to building. Patrol halted a few minutes and then started to advance and were fired on by estimate two machine guns, one machine pistol and number of enemy riflemen. Report automatic weapons were in buildings. Riflemen outside. Patrol leader slightly wounded. Heard some tanks coming from NW into town, estimated at 15. Patrol # 4 - Co L - left 2130A returned 0200A. Reached vicinity 114172, fired on by machine pistol and two rifles from distance of 200 yards from 115173. Heard three tracked vehicles coming into town from SW. Heard ten tracked vehicles coming from NE into town. Heard all ten come in separately and cut off motors.	
0465		3			Co K patrol - left 2145 - reached 200 from OBER-HOFFEN when 5-man enemy patrol was observed. Patrol attempted ambush of enemy patrol but without success. The friendly patrol then followed in the direction of the enemy patrol but at 100195 it drew MG fire. Position of MG was undetermined until patrol returned fire. At that time two additional machine guns and several rifles opened fire on our patrol forcing it to withdraw. (G-2 notified at 0430A).	
	0550	4			G-3 given situation. All quiet.	
	0630	5			G-3 given situation. All quiet.	

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IN	OUT					
	1015	6			143 Inf notified that our AT guns were being withdrawn after lunch.	
	1015	7			Lt Col Gillette left for 315th Inf CP.	
	1025	8			CO told S-3 to be sure Engrs understood that the 2nd Bn was crossing river in three columns and w would need two additional sites besides the crossing on ice.	
1045		9			Maj Young, G-3, called. First phase of attack scheduled for tonight is postponed. Assembly of units will go as planned.	
	1050	10			Capt Groom, CO Co A 636 TD Bn, notified of postponement of attack.	
1100		11			Maj Newell, G-3 section, phoned and states there is a non-fraternization film to be down from army and is compulsory that it be shown to all troops. Div I & E officer will arrange details with Regtl S-3 and executive officer.	
	1107	12			Col Lynch left for 1st and 3rd Bn CPs.	
1107		13			Lt Col Gillette returned to CP.	
	1110	14			Exec O notified 315th Inf that plans had been changed for tonight.	
1115		15			Gen Stack came to CP.	
	1115	16			S-3 notified following units that plan was postponed for tonight. Moves will continue as scheduled. AT Co to pull two platoons out and move them to assembly area in northern edge of BISCH-WILLER. Units notified as following: Cn Co 1105A; Co A 636 TD Bn 1107A; Co A 83 Cml Bn 1106A; 1st Bn 1109; (S-3 1st Bn notified to notify CO Co B 753 Tk; 2nd Bn 1112A; 132 FA Bn 1116A, 3rd Bn 1118B; AT Co 1125A; Co B 111 Med Bn 1126A. (Cont'd)	

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		16	(Cont'd)		3rd Bn CO states the patrol leader that was wounded was evacuated with broken bone. Three rounds 81mm fell in town and resulted in one casualty (aid man from 31st Engrs).	
	1125	17			Gen Stack left CP.	
1200		18			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
	1300	19			G-3 given situation. All quiet.	
1330		20			Col Albright, Div, arrived at CP. Left at 1410A.	
	1415	21			CO called CO 3rd Bn that Gen Stack ordered a platoon patrol led by an officer go to the S end of OBERHOPFEN. To send it to any located outpost known, cut them off and take some prisoners. Col Lynch informed CO 3rd Bn that the 1st Bn is going to send out a platoon patrol through positions and returned through the same. CO 3rd Bn reports that Co K just reported seeing two Germans coming from OBERHOPFEN toward their lines. Also that the 143 Inf is sending a patrol through their positions to ROHRWILLER.	
	1427	22			S-3 called S-2 143 Inf and asked about the patrol that they are sending to ROHRWILLER. Going to send it down by way of bridge at 104184.	
1428		23			Lt Evans reports AT Co closed in GRIES.	
	1435	24			S-3 left for 1st Bn CP.	
	1442	25			S-2 called CO 3rd Bn for clearance at 113173, that 155 FA wants to register through-60-3 there. CO 3rd Bn reports that it will be OK.	
1501		26			S-3 returned to CP.	

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IN	OUT					
1509		27			Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch and states Ben Brooks, CG VI Corps, just left Div CP and had stated the plan was off for several days. 142 RCT might take over 315th Inf sector so suggest you have your people make reconnaissance. CG requested Col Lynch come to Div CP and discuss situation with him.	
	1515	28			Col Lynch left for Div CP.	
1540		29			CO 2nd Bn phoned and requested permission to send 5-man officer recon patrol through 3rd Bn positions to OBERHOFEN tonight or tomorrow night. Capt Hunley stated he would take the matter to Col Lynch and notify 2nd Bn Hq of decision.	
	1620	30			S-3 phoned CO 3rd Bn that one Plat Co B 753 Tk Bn will relieve the Plat of Co C down at the bridge tonight.	
1645		31			3rd Bn reports that Co K outpost reports they suffered one casualty from the shelling in the last 2 1/2 hours. Estimated 105mm.	
1647		32			S-2 141 Inf reports that they are going to send a patrol into HERRLISHEIM.	
	1750	33			Searchlight Btry informed not to turn on lights tonight.	
1750		34			S-3 3rd Bn called. Said 143 Inf was planning to send patrols through 3rd Bn tonight.	
	1753	35			S-3 checked with S-2 143 Inf on times of patrols. S-2 will call later giving times.	
	1755	36			S-3 called CO Co A 636 TD Bn and told him to cancel firing for tonight.	

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IN	OUT					
1800		37			Maj Webster, S-2 142 Inf, said time of patrol to ROHRWILLER - 1830A. Another to woods at 113169 - 1800A. 2nd and 3rd Bns notified.	
	1815	38			G-3 given situation.	
	1822	39			CO 2nd Bn notified that CO believed unwise to send patrols at this time. There will be sufficient time before final operation.	
	1830	40			S-3 notified CO Co B 753 Tk Bn to proceed with movement. Tanks now in WEYERSHEIM. Capt Hunley notified him the Gen wanted a tank tested in deep snow. CO of tanks states he will make test and turn in report to this Hq.	
1830		41			Col Lynch returned to CP.	
2010		42			Received OI via Ln O.	
	2030	43			CO called CO 1st Bn. Ordered to take men on two hour walking exercise tomorrow. Also to check clothing and equipment.	
2225		44			Maj Elligood, FA, reports their officer with French reports French are moving into GAMBSHEIM with a Bn.	
2250		45			Maj Newell, G-3 section called. Asked what time raiding party left for OBERHOFEN. Ans: About 1900A.	

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UNIT REPORT
NO. 196

Hq 142 RCT
GP GRIES
301200A Jan '45

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FROM: 291200A Jan. 1945
TO : 301200A Jan. 1945

Maps: FRANCE 1:50,000, Sheets XXXVIII 14 and 15.

1. OUR FRONT LINES: Overlay.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.
3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT AND SUPPORTING UNITS:
 - a. 315th Inf - held defensive line with only light patrol contact.
 - b. 143 Inf - Held defensive line with light patrol contact and harassing artillery on forward positions.
4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Snow and cold. Visibility poor.
5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD:
 - a. RCT held defensive line with patrols operating to front.
 - b. Patrols to ROHRWILLER and woods NW of town made contact with enemy but were unable to capture any PWs. Co L patrol to woods NW of ROHRWILLER suffered four (4) MIA after a brief fire fight with unknown number of enemy. Harassing artillery and mortar fire fell on forward positions and on town of BISCHWILLER during period.
6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Good.
7. RESULTS OF OPERATION: See paragraph 5.a and b.

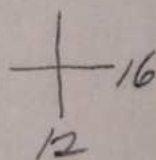
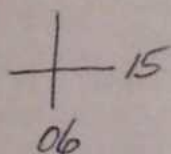
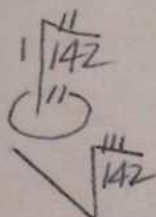
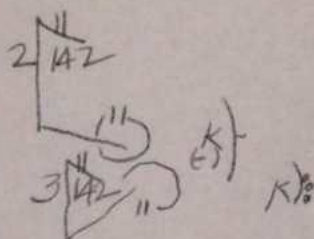
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Capt., 142d Inf.
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LOCATION OF UNITS
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ONE HUNDRED FORTY SECOND INFANTRY
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IN	OUT					
0145		1			CO 3rd Bn called. Co I combat patrol to OBERHOPFEN just returned. Patrol got to within 50 yards of a house before enemy opened fired with two MGs on each flank. Patrol leader, Lt Kinkey, and six men missing, two wounded, another lightly wounded. Believe one killed. Now being questioned individually by Lt Reid. Details later.	
0415		2			CO 2nd Bn reports that his patrol just returned and that they have two PWs.	
	0700	3			S-3 called Capt Gillespe 3rd Bn in regards to the patrol to OBERHOPFEN. Co I crossed the river and received fire from MGs vicinity of 098193, later two MGs from each flank and several rifles, MPs opened up. The fire was returned and lasted for about 15 minutes. Returned with two liter cases. There still is one officer and four enemy EM missing. (Div G-3 notified)	
0700		4			Lt Wadleigh, IPW, called and states he had two PWs taken by 1st Bn in woods vicinity 1319. They were taken while preparing overhead shelters of logs. One was taken from foxhole and one from path. They stated they were from a Defense Co of 10SS Div. Two platoons of approximately 70 men and 8 MGs located in woods. A Parachute unit supposed to be to their NW. Apparently had been put in gap between Paratroop and unit to S. One PW stated he saw three tanks in DRUSENHEIM yesterday. Nebelwerfer and artillery firing from S of them. Regular Army troops supposedly to their S. They knew of no coming attack by us or by them. Did not know we had been using searchlights. They stated there were two rifle platoons and platoon of eight 120mm mortars whose location was unknown. (Div G-2 notified)	
	0830	5			CO phoned CO 2nd Bn and gave him instructions for future. Besides giving 2 hrs exercise they are to have orientation courses and familiarization with other weapons.	

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IN	OUT					
0845		6			Capt Groom, CO Co A 636 TD Bn, called. His Bn CO has permission from CG to withdraw TDs not dug in because of thaw. TDs will pull back and still cover same area by fires. This affects 4 TDs.	
0930		7			CO 3rd Bn called S-2. Lt Hinkey has come in, last man from Co I patrol. There are still six missing, three of which are believed killed. Patrol leader, Lt Hinkey, identified five MGs firing; one from 2nd storey window, 4 on ground below firing crossfire. Two MPs also firing with some rifles. Another outpost firing from NE at about 102197. Scouts were almost on building when fire first opened up. Three of patrol that returned are wounded.	
0940		8			Col Albright, Chief of Staff, came to CP. Left at 1000A.	
	1050	9			CO left for 3rd Bn.	
1100		10			Lt Lustman, Div Ln C, reported to CP.	
1120		11			G-2 reports unit to our right will have a patrol going to woods in 1116 GS, two other patrols; one to 0914 GS, and one S to 0914 GS. A patrol want to 097143 without opposition. Enemy CPL 126150 to 126120. French are in GAMBSHEIM without trouble.	
1123		12			Gen Dahlquist arrived at CP.	
	1124	13			Lt Lustman left CP for Div.	
	1126	14			G-2 given situation.	
	1130	15			Gen Dahlquist left CP.	
1134		16			S-4 phoned and states now have two Amp jeeps. Will see Col Lynch this afternoon. S-3 gave him the situation.	

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IN	OUT					
1145		17			CO Co A 636 TD Bn phoned and states people in HANHOFFEN observed troops digging in 111162. Will coordinate with Arty and fire on target. Will notify this Hq of results.	
1150		18			Gen Dahlquist came to CP.	
	1154	19			Gen Dahlquist phoned Col Lynch at 2nd Bn CP. Gen Dahlquist states he just received a call from Gen Brooks, CG VI Corps, and the operation is on for tonight. Gen states the 315th Inf will pull a Co raid on N end of OBERHOFFEN in conjunction with out attack. 315th to not go farther S than 094205. Gen will have 315th contact this Hq for instructions. Col Lynch discussed the details of relief of 2nd Bn by 14th Armd Div and possible delay on phase 2. Gen states may be that 142 RCT will have to be committed on ROHRWILLER.	
	1204	20			Gen Dahlquist left CP.	
1206		21			Exec O phoned S-4 in regards to vitamin pills. S-4 states he has drawn enough for RCT. Medics in checking Hq Co mess found that the Co had not drawn any because mess Sgt stated they were for front line troops. S-4 states situation will be rectified.	
	1253	22			CO called CO 132 FA Bn and asked if he knew that the plan is on for tonight. Also asked if he is going to move this afternoon.	
1305		23			I & R OP at bridge reports approximately 20 rounds heavy artillery (150mm) landing on E edge of BISCHWILLER, coming from direction of DRUSENHEIM.	
1315		24			CO 141 Inf called. Asked Capt Sullivan about billets for one Bn of 141 Inf moving in tonight. Town west of main street is clear of our troops and should be room for 141 Inf Bn.	

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1325		25			S-3 of 315th Inf, Maj Hoover, came to CP and discussed plan for tonight with Capt Hunley and Col Lynch. Col Lynch said he would like 315th Inf to make a Co sized attack, as had been planned, on N side of OBERHOFFEN.	
	1325	26			Col Lynch left for 143 Inf.	
	1345	27			CO Co A 636 TD Bn given place to move to in BISCHWILLER for tonight's operation.	
1352		28			S-3 called Capt Sorenson, Tank Co. Told him to stop at this Hq and he will be given further instructions.	
1400		29			CO 1st Bn came to CP. 1st Bn patrol last night also killed at least four Germans on the way back.	
1415		30			Col Lynch returned.	
1425		31			S-3 called Capt Sorenson, Tank Co. To test tank performance in present snow. Give us a report. Capt Groom, CO Co A 636 TD Bn, also notified.	
	1503	32			CO called CO 1st Bn to move up into BISCHWILLER right after supper.	
1620		33			G-3 phoned that both bridges go in as planned.	
	1635	34			CO called CO 2nd Bn in regard to the bridges. All foot bridges are in. Also both bridges will be started tonight. The north one will not be in by daylight, but the south one will be in and used that one to bring your TDs across in the morning. The 315th Inf going to send a patrol of Co strength into the NW end of OBERHOFFEN. They are to start same time attack starts.	
1703		35			CO 2nd Bn phoned CO and states foot bridges are not in. May be standing by.	

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1755		36		Gen Dahlquist came to CP. Left at 1810A.	
	1815	37		Col Lynch left for 3rd Bn CP.	
1830		38		Regt CP moved from GRIES to BISCHWILLER.	
1850		39		Regt CP opened in BISCHWILLER.	
	1855	40		G-3 given situation and notified that CP now open in BISCHWILLER.	
1900		41		Col Lynch arrived at new CP.	
1915		42		Lt Col Gillette phoned and states he is closing rear CP.	
1935		43		CO 2nd Bn phoned CO 142 Inf and states two foot bridges completed and third nearing completion. CO instructed him to phone this HQ before leaving so as to obtain any last minute instructions. CO 2nd Bn states he has wire to building where he is going.	
1940		44		Lt Col Gillette, Exec O, arrived at new CP.	
1950		45		G-2 called. French report about 50 enemy moving toward river from OFFENDORF at 1730A. Patrols at 133104, 124108 drew small arms fire. Saw a tank at 124118.	
2018		46		CO 1st Bn reports that his Bn has closed in BISCHWILLER at 1945A.	
	2110	47		CO called CO 2nd Bn and was informed that Co G has cleared the river.	
2225		48		CO 2nd Bn phoned CO that both Cos G and F are across the river and are on their way. Very quiet. Visibility about 300 yds. Heard some exchange of MG and mortar fire with 315th Inf. G-3 notified.	

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	2300	49			SECRET	
	2337	50				
2350		51				
	2352	52				
					CO called CO 2nd Bn. CO 2nd Bn reports that they have not made contact. Can see flares going up in ROHRWILLER. Co E starting out. Col Lynch requested that as soon as contact is made to call so that Engrs can start to build bridge.	
					Gp2 given situation by Lt Col Gillette.	
					CO 2nd Bn reports that he heard some rifle shots coming from our own rifles in the S end of town. Also to start on the bridge.	
					Col Lynch gave orders to the Engrs to start work on the bridge.	
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